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Of the
New Married Couple,

Being
The Second Part of the Ten Plea-
sures of Marriage.

Relating
*The further delights and contentments that
ly mask'd under the bands of Wedlock.*

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To the
READER.

Courteous Reader,

THy kind acceptance of the First Part, hath incouraged me to go forward with a Second, which I here present thee with; being now indifferently confident that it will be no worse used by Thee then the Brother of it was: I hope there is never a Part of it, in which thou wilt not find something that will please thy Fancy: But for such as profess to be of the zealous sort of people, and make use of the gesture of casting up the whites of their eyes, when they intend to tell you a notorious ly, I would not have them to study in it, by reason it speaks a great deal of truth, and

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will not be so suitable to their humors; because it is a bundle of matter that is scrambled together, which could not be wrapt up in such clean linnen, or drest up in such holding forth Language and pious hypocrisie, as such generally make use of: It is only fit for truehearted Souls that will solace their Spirits with a little laughter, and never busie their brains with the subversion of State and Church government: And being well received by such, it is as much as is expected by him who is thine Farewell.

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INTRODUCTION.



It is an inexpressible pleasure for Travellers, when after many traverses and tossings too and again, they return quietly home to their studies and rememorate all the unexpected pleasure that they encountered with upon the one Coast, and the horrible vexations and confusions that they had upon another. And the very penning thereof, doth, as it were anew, repossess them of all the pleasures, and conveyeth them

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through all the Countries, without so much as the least moving of a foot. Just so it goes with those that have been under the Bands of Matrimony, and are loosed from them: These being then come to be solitary, at rest, and in quiet, can the more seriously rememorate and recogitate what pleasures they enjoied at one, and what thwartings and crosses they met with at other times. And the writing down of these, doth not only afresh regenerate in them the received pleasures; but serves also for a Looking-glass to all married Couples, for them to recogitate what pleasures they have already received, and what joys are still approaching towards them. And for those which as yet know not the sweetness of the Nuptial estate, it serves for a Fire-Beacon that they may with all earnestness Sail unto it, and possess those joys also. Of those we have before demonstrated unto you Ten Pleasant Tables: But because the Scale of Marriage may hang somewhat evener, and not fall





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too light on the womens side, we shall for the Courteons Reader add unto them Ten Pleasures more, being that which some Married people have since confessed, or to be short with you, was formerly wink'd at, and passed over.

The First Pleasure.

The young Couple begin to keep Shop, and demand their promised Portion.

Till now, O new Married Couple, you have passed through the First part of your Wedlock with feasting and pleasures, and have injoyed no smal delights in it. But what is there in this World that we grow not weary of? You have seen that the sumptuousest Feast full of delicate dishes, and the pleasurablest Country Scituations, with al their rich fruits, finally cloggeth, through the continual injoyment of them.

Nevertheless it is the generall desire of all persons, forasmuch as it is possible, to live in the World in pleasure and delights. Amongst the rest the gain of

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mony is none of the smallest pleasures, and this appears to be the least burthensom, tho it have much trouble in it. Therefore is it very much commendable, O young Couple, though you have a pretty estate of your own, according as your Contract of Marriage testifies, and as we have also seen by the Wedding you kept, your apparel, and the other ap and dependances, that you begin to meditate how to make the best benefit of your stock; and so much the more, because your Predecessors got it with a slavish diligence, reaped it together with sobriety, kept it with care, and finally left it unto you for your great pleasure. It is then also not strange, if you, as true bred children, keep it carefully, and make the best profit of it; to the end, that your Successors, when time shall serve, may find that they have had frugall Parents; and so walk in your footsteps. Verily this is one of the necessariest meditations in the World. If we could but any

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waies make the dead sensible of it in their grave, undoubtedly the Reliques of your Parents would rejoyce at so happy and careful an intention of you their children.

And truly, what is there, among other cogitations, more pleasurable, then to begin with a handsom Shop-keeping? For this through the daily gain, yeelds every day new pleasures, and by consequence a merry life. 'Tis true, Merchandize bears a greater respect, and yeelds also sometimes great gains; but with these trouble sometimes, it is for the most part subject to great and weighty losses, which is the destruction of young people, and so intangles the merriest part of their lives, that fears and cares deprives them of their night rest. If the wind blow hard, they are presently in a fear that the Ships at sea laden with their Goods and Wares may be Shipwrack'd. If they will assure them, then the Assurer goes away with the profit: and they are also so greedy and cunning, that the least storm or bad tiding

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makes them very slow and circumspect;
or if they be not so, it is to be feared,
so there happen many losses, that then
the Assurer himself might come to be
lost.

But the handsom Shop-keeping is the
surest and pleasurablest; for every mo-
ment you get new customers as well
from abroad as at home, who buy con-
tinually with ready mony; or otherwise
pay the old score, and trust the new.
Yea all the news that goes about the Ci-
ty, is brought home and imparted to
you. There's not a man dies, or woman
brought to bed, but you have know-
ledge of it. Well then, what greater
pleasure can there be then this?

Also, young Woman, you may,
through love and care, herein be assistant
to your husband oftentimes, which you
cannot do in Merchandize, and so by
degrees learn to understand the Shop,
and converse neatly with the customers;
whereby you can in his absence, also
help the customers, and give them plea-
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sing answers, insomuch that your oftentimes attain to as perfect a knowledge of the Trading, as your husband himself.

You are happy, yea ten times over happy, O housewively young Woman in this choice, and that not only so, your husband, but principally for your self. For if that mischance might happen to you, that death should bereave you of your husband, you find your self oftentimes settled in a way of Trading, which you can manage your self, and set forward with reputation. Nay though you might happen to have children, you have the opportunity your self to bring them up in the same way, and so get a due, faithfull and carefull assistance from them, which will not so well be done by Men and Maid-servants, and over whom there is seldom so much command, as over ones own children.

And if your husband continue in health, and find that Trading grows quick, he perceives that by the assistance

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stance of his wife, something else may be taken by the hand that is also profitable, and then he will alwaies exercise some sort of Merchandise that is secure and advantagions.

It is most certain, sweet Woman, you will be the more tied to your house-keeping, and cannot so often go to visit and take your pleasure with your Gossips as you formerly did, in Coaches or by Water; as if your husband had taken any sort of Marchandice in hand; because that a Woman who is married to a Shopkeeper, is as it were also wedded to the Counter, by reason you dare not trust your Shop to old, much less to new men or Maid-servants, because they do not perfectly understand the Trade, and thereby also find occasion to make one bed serve for both and junket together; which makes no small confusion in the family; but little regard must be taken about that, for the importantest must alwaies be taken care of.

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And be assured, if the desire of gain, small Trading, and bad payment, begin once to take possession of you, the thoughts of all the former pleasures will remove, and you will exchange them for those that are more noble and becoming, *viz.* in the well governing of your Men and Maid-servants in the Shop and House, and taking inspection that they be obedient unto you; the Family must be well taken care of; going to Market with the Maid to buy that which is good, and let her dress it to your mind; and every Market day precisely, with the Maid neatly drest, and following you with a hand-basket, go to take a view of Newgate, Cheap-side, and the Poultry Markets; and afterwards, when you got a little farther, then to have your Baby carried by you, neatly and finically drest up; and in hearing of it, whilst it is in the standing stool, calling in its own language so prettily Daddy and Mammy. O that is such an extraordinary pleasure, that

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that where ever you go, what soever you delight in, all your delight is, to be at home again in your Shop, by your servants; and most especiall y (when you have it) to be by your Baby.

And if you do get a fit to be gadding abroad with some of your friends and neighbours (for one cannot alwaies be tied as if they were in Bridewell, nor the Bow ever stiff bent) why then you have Ascension-day, which may as well be used for pleasure as devotion. And if that be too short, presently follows Whitsontide, then you may sing tantarroraara three daies together, and get your fill of it. So that you may find time enough to take your delight and pleasure, tho you be a little tied to a Shop.

This being then in such manner taken into a ripe deliberation by some of the nearest relations, it is concluded on to set up a handsom Shop, and to furnish it with all sorts of necessities; and by that means make that you may alwaies
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say Yea and never No to the Customers.

O how glad the good Woman is, now she sees that her husband, who is otherwise somewhat stifnecked, lets himself be perswaded to this, by his friends! and how joyfull is the husband that his Wife, who at first seemed to be high-spirited, is now herewith so absolutely contented.

O happy Match, where the delight and pleasure of both parties, is bent upon one subject. How fast doth this writhe and twist the Bands of Wedlock and love together! Certainly to be of one mind, may very well be said to be happily married, and called a Heaven upon Earth.

Here they are cited to appear who display the married estate to moonitrously, as if there were nothing but horrors and terrors to be found in it. Now they would see how that Love in her curious Crucible, melteth two hearts and ten senses together. To this all Chymists
vail

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vail their Bonnets, though they brag of their making the haideft Minerals as soft as Milk and Butter. This Art surpasseth all others.

Yet here ought to be considered what sort of Trading shall be pitcht upon The man hath good knowledge in Cloath, Silk stufs, French Manufactures and Galantries, &c. But the Woman thinks it would be much better, if they handled by the gross in Italian Confits, Candied and Musk sugar plums, Raisons of the Sun, Figs, Almonds, Pistaches, Bon Christian Pears, Granad-Apples, and dried fruits; together with Greek and Spanish Wines, delicate Sack, Muskadine, and Frontinyack Wine; which is a Negotiation, pleasing to the ey, delicious for the tast, and beloved by all the World. And by this she thinks she shall procure as many Customers as her husband, because she hath familiar acquaintance with severall brave Gentlewomen, that throw away much mony upon such commodities,
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and make many invitations, Treats and Feastings. And she her self could alwaies be presently ready, when she received an honourable visit.

O happy man, who hath gotten such an ingenious understanding wife! that takes care and considers with her self for the doing all fit and necessary things to the best advantage. And really she is not one jot out of the way, for this sort of Merchandize is both relishing and delightfull, and must be every foot bought again.

Now the time requires going to market to buy Fir, Oak, and Sackerdijne Wood, and to order that the Shop may be neatly built and set up. And you are happy, that Master Paywell, who is a very neat Joiner and Cabinet-Maker, is of your very good acquaintance, and so near by the hand: He knows how to fit and join the pannels most curiously together, and so inlaies, shaves, and polishes the fine wood, that you would swear it is all of one piece.

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Well here again is another new pleasure and delight? If all things go thus forward, certainly the wedding-cloaths will in a short time be, at the least, a span to little. O how glad you'll be, when this trouble is but once over! and that the Shop is neatly built, painted, gilt, furnished, and finely put into a posture.

O how nobly it appears, and how delightfull and pleasing it will be when this new Negotiant sees his Shop full of Customers, and he at one Counter commending, praising and selling, and one servant bringing commodities to him, and another hath his hands full with measuring and weighing! And his beloved at another Counter finds imployment enough with telling mony, weighing of gold, and discoursing with the Customers. Then it wil not seem strange unto you, how it came to pass that your Predecessors got such fine fums of mony together, and left them unto you to be merry with. Therefore you ought
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also, even as they did, to provide your selves with a curious and easie to be remembered Sign, because your Customers by mistake might not come to run into your Neighbors Shops.

I have not yet forgotten that your Grandfather, being a Wollen Draper, first hung out the Sign of the Sheep, and his name was James Thomson, but by reason of his great custom, they called him, by the nick name, of James in the Sheep; which remains still as a name to the generation. And in like manner your wives Grandfather, a well customed Shopkeeper in zilk-stuffs, whose name was William Jackson, hung out the sign of the Silkworm, but his son going to school with another boy whose name was also William Jackson, for the making a distinction between them, they gave him the name of William the Silkworm, which also remains as a name to the Family. This is not common only among the Londoners, but in other Cities and Country Towns, also among Coach-

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Coachmen, Wagoners, and others.

But come we wil take our leaves of these people, and turn again to our new married Couple, who can hardly rest quietly a nights, for the earnest desire they have to see all things accomplished, and their Trading going forward. And in time Tom Thumb got on his doublet, tho he was seven years pulling on the first sleeve, Yet before you come to this great pleasure, you'l meet with a troublesom obstruction in the way, which if you can but turn of bravely, it will be much the pleasanter.

For before the Shop is fully furnisht, you will see what there will be wanting to fill all the corners and places with commodities that must be sold by length of time, and to stand out the trust; and also with patience and meekness expect the coming of mony from slow and bad paymasters: therefore it begins to be time to speak of the promised Portion.

Uds bud, what a racket is here now?

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For the young mans father had made his full account that he should not already be dun'd for the promised Portion; not doubting but that the young womans lay all totally ready told of in bags; and thought to take it in the best sence, I will pay my son his interest yearly; and afterwards, in peaceable times, when there's little or no impositions, and that my Coffers are better furnisht, will then give him the principal.

And seriously the old man seems to deal herein very cordially, since other mens fathers do not do half so well, and only give this for an answer, *With young men must be promised, and with daughters must be given.* And others make their sons give them a bond, wherein he, as by example, acknowledgeth to be indebted to his father six hundred pound, whereupon the Father closes the match, and promiseth to give in marriage with his son six hundred pound: which at last comes to nothing at all, and only serves for a perfect cheat to deceive and hood-

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hood-wink the eys of the pretended
Gentlewoman and her Guardians.

It is no wonder where such Matches
are made, if, when such thing are dis-
covered, there be a great deal of time
spent, before they can come to the true
pleasure.

But you, O new married man,
who have a liberal father on your side,
you can get provisionally your interest,
and when times mend your principal.
Perhaps it will not be half so well with
your wives estate, for she it may be in
her maiden estate, hath spent and run
out more in gaudy apparel, to intice a
Lover, then the interest of her estate
could bear, insomuch that the princi-
pal is diminished, or the revenues there-
of received and consumed long before
they were due.

's Wounds in what a sweat and fear,
whith these sort of cogitations, is this
approaching new Shop-keeper in? How
earnestly he runs to her Guardians, to
see if they will unriddle him this doubt
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that he is in. But to his good fortune, he finds it in a much better condition then he thought he should. For his dearest, hath spent much less in her apprelling and maintenance, then she could have done, so that there's not only money in stock, but rents of her real estate that are yet to be paid unto her, though there was very much consumed for her Brides apparel and the other accoutrements. Well this is an extraordinary pleasure, and a great comfort for his panting heart. Uds life how many hundred kisses are now offered at the Altar of her sweet lips, that otherwise would not so much as have been thought upon. Therefore one may easily perceive that money increaseth love very much; and that Lovers in these times are so bent upon money, and so diligent in search of it, is no admiration; nay they scruple not to inquire of the Guardians, and up and down by unsworn Brokers, who negotiate with a very close intelligence in this sort of Flesh-Trade, and draw

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ten double salaries (and that oftentimes too from both sides) if they can but help any one to a good bargain, and that he obtains access; and afterwards wheedle it about so, that it finally comes to be a match. But what sad issue generally such sort of Matches are attended with, is well known to the whole World.

You, O Lovers, who seek to be Livry men of the great Company, and aim to possess the pleasures of Marriage, have a care of the enchanting voices of these crafty Syrens, because they intend to batter you upon the *Scylla* and *Charibdis* where the Hellish Furies seem to keep their habitation. These are the only Occasioners of bad Matches, and Such as raise a Scandal of that Estate, which at once affords both Pleasure, Mirth and Joy.

But our new married Couple went clear another way to work, who now to their full contentment, act so many pretty Apish tricks, injoy such multiplicities of kindnesses, and toss each other





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other such quantities of kisses, as if there were a whole Kingdom, or at the least a vast Estate to be gained thereby: So that they find, that in that estate, there are not only Ten, but a thousand Pleasures cemented together in it; whereof in the following shall be demonstrated in some part the imperfect gloss, but never the accomplished Portrait.

The Second Pleasure.

The Husband grows Pipsy; and keeps the first Lying-in: Takes the Doctors advice. Is mocked by his Pot-Companions.

JUST as one Candle lights another, so we see also, that two, sympathetically minded, know, by the cleaving of their lips together, how to breath into each other their burning hearts-desire, wherewith the one doth as it were kindle the other, and do every moment renew and blow on again their even just now extinguished delights.

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Of this you have here a pattern from our late married, for whom the longest Summer-daies and Winter nights fall too short to satisfie their affections and amiable imbracings; they hardly know how to find out time that they may bestow some few hours in taking care for the ordring and setting all things in a decent posture in their new made Shop; imagining that they shall alwaies live thus, *Salamander*-like in the fire, without being ever indamaged by it, But time will teach them this better. In the mean while we will make our selves merry with the pleasure of this married Couple, who see now their Shop fully in order, furnisht with severall brave goods, and a pretty young fellow to attend it.

But because Customers dot not yet throng upon them, they find no other pastime then to entertain each other in all manner of kind inbracements, and to chear up their hearts therein to the utmost. Here it may be plainly seen how
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pleasant and delightfull it is for the young woman , because her physiognomy begins to grow the longer the more frank and jocund.

So, that to us , her count'nance doth display.

Her souls content , e're since her Wedding day.

But just as a burning Candle doth consume, though to it self insensible, yet maketh of hers joyfull by its light, so doth our new married Man, before few months are expired, find that he becomes the very subject of flouting at and laughter, among his former boon Companions; because every one jestingly tells him, that he poor Venus Knight is found to be too light for the Sadle, and too weak in her Field; as also that the paleness of his Face, the lankness of his Cheeks, and thinness of his Calves, doth shew it most plainly.

And verily there are some artificial Jesters who do it so neatly, that he him-

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self beleeves it almost to be true: yet nevertheless, to avoid their mockeries, casts it of from him as far as possible may be. But his own opinion doth so clearly convince him, that in himself he ponders and considers what course is best to be taken.

But howsoever as long as he goes and walks up and down, eats and drinks, he thinks that the tide will turn again. Yet finding himself inwardly weaker of body rallies with his own distemper, in hopes that by his jesting, among his merry Companions, he may from them understand what is best, upon such occasions, to be done or avoided; and they seriously jesting say to him: O friend, wean your self from your wife and Tobacco, and drink Chocolate, and eat knuckles of Veal, or else you'll become like one of Pharaohs lean Kine. Oh ho, thinks he, if that be true, I have spent my reckoning this evening very happily.

Now young woman, don't you admire

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mirre it your husband comes home at night discontented in mind, for his wits run a Wool-gathering, and he has walkt in a dump from Towerhill to Tuttle Fields contriving what's best for him to do, and how to compass the matter neatly. For to remain so from his dear and delicate Wife, not paying unto her the usual family duty, is below the generosity of a man; and to tell her what the matter is, is yet worse. To leave of Tabacco, and eat knuckles of Veal, is feasible. But to go to a Coffehouse and alwaies drink Chocolate, that sticks against the stomach.

Nevertheless Necessity hath no Law. And the Occasion overpowers affection. Insomuch that after a thousand pondrous considerations, he resolves to deny his dearly beloved Wife a little of that same; and to that purpose will sometimes in an evening feign to have the headache, or that he is very dull and sleepy, (which is no absolutely;) and thereby commands his man to call him up some

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times very early in the morning, as if
there were forsooth Customers in the
Shop, &c. and hunts up and down
among the Chocolate Dealers to get of
the very best, preparing it himself in
milk, treating all that come to visit him
with Chocolate instead of Tobacco; and
he feigning that he hath an extraordina-
ry delight in it; and on the other side,
perswade his wife that hei as huge mand
to eat a knuckle of Veal, some good
broath, and new-laid Eggs, or some
such sort of pretty conceited diet.

But perceiving that this avails little,
and that he grows rather weaker then
stronger; away he trots to the Scotch
Paduan Doctor, who immediately pre-
scribes a small Apothecaries Shop, at
the least twenty or more several sorts of
herbs, to be infused in a pottle of old
Rhenish wine, and twice a day to drink
half a quartern thereof at a time: Item
a Plaister to be applied to his Stomack;
a Balsēm to anoint the privy Members
and an unguent for the pit of the Sto-
mack,

mack, under the nose, and to chafe the Temples of the head; but most especially to keep a good strengthening diet, &c.

But this seems to have too much stir in the view of his wife; therefore must be laid aside; and away he goes then to a High German Doctor, who without stop or stand, according to the nature of his Country, Mountebank-like begins to vaunt, as followeth: *Ach Herr, ihr zijt ein hupscher, aber ein swaccher Venus-Ritter; ihr habt in des Garten der Beuchreiche Veneris gar zu viel gespatzieret, und das Jungfraulicken Roszlein zu ofimaal gehantiret; ihr werd ein groſze kranckheyt haben, wan ihr nicht baldt mein herlich Recept gebraucht, aber wan ihr dieses zu euch neimt, ihr zold also baldt hups gecuriret worden, zolches das ihr wie ein redlicher Cavalier andermaal 12oegerust, daz Jonfferliche Slosz besturmen, erobren, und da uber triumsiren zol. Dan ihr muſt viel gebrauchen daz weiſe von Ganze und Enteneyeren, die wol ge-*

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braten sind, Rothkohl mit feyssem fleisch
gekocht, alte Huner kleyn gehacket,
Hanen Kammern, Swezerichen, Schaffe
und Geisse-milch mit Reisz gekocht, auch
Kalbs und Taubengehirn viel gegessen
mit Nucis Muscati; und Reinischer
Wein mesich getruncken; es is gewis
wan ihr dieses vielmaal thut, ihr zold
wieder kreftich und mechtich weraen,
und es werd signer liebsten auch gar wol
gevellich zein.

In English thus.

OH Sir, you are a brave, but a weak Venus Knight, you have walkt too much in the mid-paths of the Venereal Garden, and plukt too often from the Ladies Rose-tree, if you make not use of my noble remedies, you'l have a great fit of sickness; but if you do take it, you'l be very quickly and dextrously cured; in such a manner, that like a Warriour being again wel mounted, you may both storm and take the Ladies Fortress, and triumph over it. Be sure

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sure then to make often use of the whites of Geese and Ducks-Egs roasted, Red-Cabidge boild with fat meat, old Hens beaten to pieces, Cox-combs, Sweet breads, Sheeps and Goats milk boild with Rice; you must also often eat Calves and Pigeons brains with Nutmeg grated in them; and drink temperately Rhenish Wine; it is most certain that by a frequent doing of this, you will grow both able and strong again; and it will also be very acceptable to your dearly beloved.

Here stands the poor Cully again, and looks like a Dog in a Halter, and perceives that this Doctor Jobbernole gives him an abundance of words but few effects for his mony; because all his boasting, doth, for the most part, contain what he had before made use of; and is therefore unwilling to trouble his wives brain with all that boiling and stewing, and all the rest of the circumstances. This makes him take a resolution to let it take its course. But still

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growing weaker and weaker, is at last
fain to keep his bed, and constrained to
send for one of our own Country Do-
ctors, and makes his complaint to him,
that he is troubled with an excessive
head-ake, weakness in the reins of his
back, a lameness in his joints that he can
hardly lift his arm to his head; together
with a foulness of his stomach, which
makes him that he can retain nothing,
but is forc't to vomit all up again, &c.
Out of all which reasons the Doctor
perfectly understands the ground of his
distemper; and in the absence of his
Wife, reveals it unto him, and orders
him to make use of:

R. Ag. Mentha.

Melisse.

Rosar. ā ʒ iij.

Cinamom. ʒ j.

Conf. Alkermes incompl.

Hyacinthorum. ā ʒ j.

Lapid. Bezoardic. Oriental. ʒ ʒ.

Syrup. Limonum. ʒ j ʒ.

M. act in Vitio.

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To this he recommends the good woman, to cause her husband every morning to eat a good Caudle; and at noon a Poulle fricassé with good store of Cox-combs in it: Item, sometimes too a glass of pure Sherry, or old Hock, to refresh and quicken the debilitated parts, that they may again recover strength. And then also, which indeed is very necessary, that all things may be still and without any noise, to the end the Patient may get some rest.

This being thus made use of, and the Doctor coming again, he perceives some small amendment, encourageth the Patient very much, and orders him as followeth

*Rx. Rad. Satyr. Eryng. Cond. ā ʒ j.
Sem. Cardam. Erucy Piper. ā ʒ j.
Amygdal. dulc. Nuel pini Pistac. ā ʒ ij.
Sacchar. albi ad pondus omnium ad-
dendo Syr. Melissæ qz.*

Fs. art. Morfelli.

Take of this daily every three hours a little Cake, and drink alwaies upon it
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half a pints glass of good Hock. This the jesting Master Doctor perceives hath done indifferent good operation: Therefore, because it would not appear handfom for him to go away without ording somthing, he goes forwards and writes:

℞. *Pulv. testum Gallor. exsiccat.* ʒ ij.
Sem. Cubebâ Piper. Longi. ā ʒ ij.
Rasur. Priapi Cervi. ʒ j. *Priapi Vul-*
pis ā ʒ j.

Sacchari albi ad pondus omnium.

F. Pulvis.

Take of this daily, all at once, every three hours ʒ j. with some Frontinjac Wine; and with this oil anoint the bottom of your belly, and round about the Navel:

℞. *Ol. Cappar. Amygd. dulc. Cappilli*
Veneris. ā ʒ ij.

Upon my word this makes no small shew that the Doctor at one time prescribes a double Receit; and thereby orders what diet must be made ready for him against dinner, a knuckle of
 Veal

Veal well boil'd, and some yolks of new-laid Eggs beaten into the broth; having satisfied nature therewith, then to be well covered, that he may take some rest upon it.

O how delicately these Cards are shuffled! if the game go thus forward, it will come to be a stately Pleasure! but principally for the Doctor, who privately simpers at the playing of his own part, and never fails to note down his Visits; but most especially if he have the delivery of the Medicins into the bargain; placing them then so largely to account as is any waies possible to be allowed of; which makes the Apothecary burst out into such a laughter, as if he had received the tiding of a new Bankrupt.

But go you forwards Doctor, it must be so, you have not studied for nothing; and it is no small matter to be every time ordering of new remedies; especially when we see that you constantly write.

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R. Vini Rhenani vetustissimi & generosissimi &c. *ij.*

And then again to eat oftentimes Pistaches, Almonds, Custards, and Taffies, &c.

Though since the Patient, like making a Martyr of himself, is in this manner fallen into the hands of the Doctor, his dearly beloved Wife is not negligent to acquaint all the friends with it; who immediately come running to give a visit to the sick, and speak words of consolation to the good woman. But alas grief and sorrow hath taken such deep root in her heart, that no crums of comfort, though ever so powerfull, can dispossess her calamities: for the seeing of a husband who loved her so unmeasurably, and was so friendly and feminine, to ly sick a bed, would stir up the obdurest heart to compassion, and mollifie it with showers of tears.

But even as all the Relations, by messengers, are made acquainted with this sickness; report in like manner is not behind

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behind hand with making it known to good acquaintance and arch Jesters, who (as I shewed you before) are very ready to appear with their flouts and gibes, and instead of comforting, begin to laugh with the Patient, saying: O Sir, we have perceived, a long time since, that you were more then half your reckoning, and that your lying-in was much nearer then your wives; and we alwaies thought, because we had tasted out such delicate Wedding-wine for you, that you would have desired us to have taken the like care for to have such at yours, and afterwards at your Wives lying-in. Yet since it hath not so hapned, we hope that the Doctor hath taken so much the better care for it.

Thus rallying, they begin to get the bibbing-bottle, and guess at the same time, as if it had been told them, that the Doctor in his last receipt had ordered Rhenish Wine.

And just as the Women in the Eighth
Plea-

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Pleasure of the First Part, produce abundance of Remedies for the curing of sore breasts and cloven tipples; the assembly of Men do here in like manner cast up a hundred Receipts to cure the Pipsy; which makes *Peggy* the maid blush and be most cruelly ashamed at; but behind the Window she listens most sharply to hear what's told and confessed by those that be in the Chamber, as to the further matter of fact.

For Master *Barebreach* relates, that as he was travelling the last Summer into the North, and so forwards into Scotland, going through Edenburgh, met there with his cousin Master *Cold-enough*, who look'd so lean and pale-fac'd; that Master *Barebreach* told him, in truth Cousin, I should hardly have known you; verily you look as if you were troubled with the pipsy; and I beleave you have the feeling of a first lying in through all your joints. Well Cousin, saies the t'other, it seems that you are deeply studied in the Art of Witch-

Witchcraft, for I fear its too true. I went from home on purpose to take my pleasure for three weeks or a month, that I might store my self with fresh provisions, and sing a sweet dirty in commendations of my Betty. Ho, Ho, saith Master *Barebreech*, flatter not your self with such a fancy, that you'll get as much up again in three weeks or a month, as you have been running behind hand in four. If you'll do well, let's for a frolick go into France, there's a gallant air, and we shall bevery good company together, and fear not but that we'll make much of our selves; then when we come home again, you'll find your self so well fortified, that you'll never faint in the ingagement, and both you and your wife will be thankfull to me as long as you live for my good advice of taking this journy. To be short, the Cousins travell together, and Master *Coldenough* came home so lusty, fat and plump, that all his acquaintance, and especially his hungry wife,

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wife, admired mightily that he was so fat and corpulent; but most of all when she found that he could harp upon her string with several Musical notes.

Just such another have I known, saith Master *Lijwell*, that was my neighbour when I lived in the Suburbs, who had married an indifferent old Pinbox, that was very well pencified; she took little or no regard of worldly things, but lov'd nevertheless to have her bone-lace cushion often made use of; and long'd for a pretty pattern to set upon her Pillowbears and in her sheets. And really it did not want for her indeavours. Yet, as we know, the sticking-pin, with the continual use of it upon old and hard parchment, grows stumpish, so that she begun to complain of it. Well saies he, Sweetheart, I intend to go to Sheffield there's a gallant Master that makes such curious Lances, Razers, Bodkins, and sticking-pins, that are so bravely steel'd, that they never turn point or grow stump. I will go
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thither to him, and lay out some money for your Pincushion. Oh me, I pray do, my dear, saies she, but I shall long till you come home again.

Away he goes. Having been abroad something more then a fortnight, and treated himself very nobly, comes home again, and shews his wife what a curious sticking-pin he had brought with him, which she often making use of, found to be good, and that it did not turn point: Insomuch that she said, O Sweetheart, that man hath not cheated you, but hath deserved his money very well: But where have you left the old one? That, my dear, saies he, I threw away, because it was good for nothing. I am sorry for that, she replied, if you had brought it along with you, it might have served our Maid for a time.

At this all the jesting-wags burst out into a laughter. But having toss'd up their cups bravely about again, Peggy comes in with a fresh Kan, and Master *Winetast* begins to relate how that he
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used to be familiarly acquainted with a certain brave Judge, who had a buckfom bouncing Lady to his wife. The Judge feeling that the Pump grew dry, was willing to repair it, to that end feigns a Letter, which at noon, as he was sitting at Table with his Lady, was brought him very cleverly by his man. He seemingly unknowing of it, opens and reads, that he must immediately, without further delay, go upon a journey; having read that, prepares himself with his man forthwith to be going.

But whilst the Judge was gone into his Closet, as seeming to take some important writings along with him; the Lady calls his man privately into the Parler, and forces him by threats of her displeasure to tell her, who delivered him that Letter; with a promise of her favour if he spoke the truth. Whereupon the fellow trembling, answered, Madam, I have received it from my Lord the Judge; but he hath strictly commanded me to keep it secret, so that

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that if he come to know that I have mentioned any thing of it to your Ladship, he will have the greatest displeasure of the World against me. Do not you fear any thing, said her Ladship, but be faithfull in what you do.

A pretty while after, the Judge having been some time at home, and walking with his Lady towards their Garden, they met with a drove of Sheep, having but one Ram amongst them: Whereupon her Ladship askt, Sweet-heart, how comes it, that that one Sheep hath such horns, and the't others none at all? My Dear, said he that is the Ram, the He-Sheep. What, said she, are the others then all She's? O yes, my Love, answered he. How! replied she, but one Ram among so many Sheep. Yes Honey, saies the Judge, that is alwaies so, then (sighingly she said) alas poor Creature, how must you long then to walk some other Road!

There had been more related; for
Master

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Master *Caroufer* was entred upon a new subject; but because the Doctor came in, they were constrained to break off.

But *Ellen* the starchster, being busie in the Kitchin with the Mistris about ordering the Linnen, having let the Doctor in; saith, Mistris, the Doctor is come there, and is gone into the Chamber; by my truly Mistris, I hear say that my Master hath got the pipsy; my Mothers Hens used to be cruelly troubled with it, and then she made Pills of sliced Garlick with some butter and course pepper, which helpt them exceedingly; and who knows, my dear Mistris, but that mit ight be good for my Master, what if you askt the Doctor. O Nel, saith the Mistris, this is clear another thing, this sickness is not without great danger; and not like unto that of Hens that may be cured by thrusting a feather through their noses, or with cloves of Garlick. It would be no such wonder, if my husband hapned to dy of it; and where should we then find

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find the Pleasures of Marriage that some arch Jesters so commonly talk of.

But kind Mistris be not so hasty, it is impossible to express all the Pleasures so fully in one breath: you must note, that they are all as it were for the present hid behind the Curtains; neither must you expect to sail alwaies before wind and tide; and beleeeve me there are yet other Nuts to be krackt: But as soon as your Beloved is recovred, and you creepig close to him; O then you'l begin to perceive how gloriously the sun, after it hath been long Clouded, will begin to appear again, and then you'l apprehend that the curing of the Pipsy is one of the greatest pleasures in the World. And you may freely imagine, that then also the true state of your Lying-in is most certain to follow; for all those Caudles, Pullets, Rhenish wine, and the other Receits, will but then begin to make their best operation.

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The Third Pleasure.

*Whilst the Husband is from home, the
Wife plaies the Diuel for God's sake.
The Husband upon his journey will want
for nothing.*

IT seemed to be a diuellish blur in the
Escucheon, and a cruel striving
against the stream, that as soon as the
Shop was just made and furnisht, then
the good Man falls sick, and keeps the
first Lying in: but being it is now over
again, it affords each of them a double
pleasure, for the good woman by croo-
ping finely and closely to her bedfellow
apprehends it to be a new Wedding
night, and hopes that it will be Fur-
time all the year long. And the good
man doth not only reioice at his reco-
very, and the pleasure he receives with
his kind bedfellow; but that he may al-
be again seen in his new Shop, taking
care of his affairs.

But Experience having taught him,
that with relishing and solid dishes a man

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may overclog himself; he thinks it not unadvisable, to take a journey now and then from home, to see if he can get some new Customers in other Towns, or buy in some Goods and Wares for his Shop; by which means he may as well take as good care for his health, as he doth of his Shopkeeping.

Yet what comes here in the way', the pleasure is so great, and their loves so tender and newly stamped to each other again; that the young woman thinks she shall do, as formerly *Cyana* did, either consume her self in tears, or drown'd her self in a River, if she must suffer this.

Oh, the whole World will be unto her as dead, and without any thing of mankind, if her dearly beloved depart from her! Well, who will not then but beleeve that the married estate is full of incomprehensible and inexhaustible pleasures and sweetnesses? Do but behold how these two Hony-birds, sing loath to depart! Yea, pray observe

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what a number of imbracings, how many thousand kisses, and other toyish actions are used, before this couple can leave one another! Nevertheless the reason of necessity, doth forsooth conquer in a vigilant husband these effeminate passions.

Therefore away he goes, leaving his whining beloved sitting between her Sister and her Neece, speaking words of consolation to her; and using all arguments possible to enliven and make her sorrowfull heart merry; either of them striving to be most free in proffering to be her bedfellow, and the next day to keep her company: But alas, saies she, suppose ye did all this, yet nevertheless I have not my husband with me!

But because time and good company help to decline and pass away sorrow; she very happily begins to consider, that she hath now a fit opportunity, to invite her Nieces and Bridemaids and other good acquaintance, with whom
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she hath been formerly mighty familiar, to come and take a treat with her, and to drink a dish of Tee; for they have, when she was in her Maiden estate, treated her so many times with Tarts, Pankakes and Fritters, Custards, and stew'd Pruins, that she is as yet ashamed for not having made them some recompence. And she never could find an occasion that was convenient before, because one while she dwelt with her Guardians, and at another time with her Uncle; who took very sharp notice where on, and in what time her pocket-mony was spent and consumed, that they continually gave her for trivial expences. Which vexed her so much the more, because the treat she received, was for the most part done, to bring her acquainted with this or that Gentlewomans Brother, or Cousin, or some other pretty Gentlemen; to the end, that by this means she might happen to make a gallant Match; and indeed the first original

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of the wooing, and acquaintance with her beloved, had there its foundation.

To treat these Gentlewomen when her husband is at home, would no waies appear so well; and so much the more, because they generally suffer themselves to be conducted to the place by one or other of their Gallants; who then either very easily are persuaded, or it may be of themselves, tarry to take part with them. Therefore this must be done and concluded on, because she hath now the disposal and keeping of the mony as well as her husband.

Here now must *Doll* run up and down tan-twivy to borrow a Rowling-pin, and some other new invented knick-knacks, to bake Cheefekakes and Custards in; whilest *Mage* is also hardly able to stand longer upon her legs, with running up and down to fetch new-laid Eggs, Flour, Sugar, Spices, blanch'd Almonds, &c. The Mistris and *Doll* are able to perform this duty well enough; for they both helpt to do it, very
neatly

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neatly at her Nieces birth-day; but the Pastry-Cook must be spoken to for the making a delicate minc'd Py; and *Mage* must run to the Confit-makers in *Black-Fryers*, to fetch some Conserves, Preserves, and of all other sorts of Sweetmeats, Raisins of the Sun, and more of the like ingredients, &c. for she knows best where all those things are to be had. And for a principal dish there ought to be a Pot of Venison, a couple of Neats-tongues, a delicate peece of Martelmasbeef, some Anchovis, and Olives for the Gentlemen, because they certainly will accompany the Gentlewomen. And truly they that bring them, may very well tarry to carry them home again; it is also but one and the same trouble. Goodman Two-shoes is gone out of Town, and sees it not, neither need he know it when he comes home: He treats so many of his friends and acquaintance, and then again next day following invites them to a Fish-dinner. I may very well play

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my part once in my life, and have all things to my mind, let come on't what will, who knows whether such another occasion may happen again this three years. And against next morning, very privately, she invites the Gentlewomen alone, to come about nine a clock in the morning, to eat hot Buns, and Cakes, for then they come precisely out of the Oven; and in the afternoon again, to some curious Fruit, Pankakes and Fritters, and a glass of the purest Canary let it cost ne'r so much, or be fetcht ne'r so far.

This runs the tongue of this pretty housewife, that but a while ago was so sorrowfull for the departure of her beloved husband. Certainly there's nothing comes out more suddenly, or dries up more easily, then womens tears!

But hangt no more of that; for the guests will be here presently, therefore all things ought to be in order for mirth. And moreover there are some of them that frequent Mr. Baxter's Puritani-

tanical Holding-forth, whose heads will immediately, in imitation of their Patron, hang like Bull-rushes; for they are tught to mourne with the sorrowfull, and to rejoyce with the joifull. But it is now a time to be merry, and throw away masks and vizards; for all is done under the Rose, and among good acquaintance. And verily if the good woman had not this or some such sort of delight, where should we find the pleasures of marriage? for in the first Lyingin of the husband there was no looking for them.

Come on then, that mirth may be used, let the Cards also be brought in sight; which formerly, out of a Puritanical humour, ought not to have been seen in a house; nay, not so much as to have been spoken of; but now every one knows how to play artificially at Put, all Fours, Omber, Pas la Bete, Bankerout and all other games that the expertest Gamesters can play at. And who knows whether they do not carry in their Pockets, as False-Gamesters do,

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Cards that are cut and marked. They learn to play the game at Bankrout so well with the Cards, that in a short time they can and also do it with their Housholdstuf, Wares, and Commodities. To be sure, you'l alwaies find, that every one of them, by length of time, are capable of setting up a School, and to act the part of a Mistris. And most especially they learn to discourse very exactly touching the use and mis-use thereof; just as these dissimulating Wigs intend to do, though indeed men have never seen that they practised this lesson themselves.

But, although the Mistris and her Companions know little or nothing of these tricks, they serve howsoever, without setting up a School, and that also for nothing, for good Instructresses to their servants, who hereby are most curiously taught, what paths they have to walk in, and what's best for them to do that they may follow their Mistresses footsteps, as soon as their Master and
Mistris

Mistress are but gone abroad together; who then know so exactly how to dance upon those notes, that we thought it necessary, as being one of the principal-
lest Pleasures of Marriage, also to be set down in the Third Table of the First Part.

Many women, who are sick of this liquorish and sweet-tooth'd disease, will be grumbling very much at this, that such a blame and scandal should be cast upon their innocent sex; and say that Batchelors hereby will be afraid to marry; But if they, and the Gentlewomen that were in private domineering together, had not gone to Confession, and made a publick relation of it, who would have known it. Therefore this sort of well treated female Guests, are like unto those that when they have gotten a delicate bit by the by, cannot fare well but they must cry roast-meat, though they should be beaten wit the spit for it.

But the good ones, though they are

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thin sown, who are not distempered
with this evil, never trouble themselves
at what one will say, or another write
concerning women, because their guilt-
less consciences, serves them as well as a
thousand witnesses; and they are very
indifferent whether that the deceased
scandal raiser Hippolitus do arise, and
come into the World again; daring him
in this manner

*Surge then Hippolytus, out from thy
Ghostly nest:
Who scandal least esteem, revenge
themselves the best.*

Yet howsoever though this is true,
nevertheless I must furnish the delicate
stomackt Ladies with some sort of wea-
pons, that they may be in a posture of
defending themselves against their viti-
perous enemies: For verily there are
several men that walk not so even and
neat in their waies as they ought to do;
and who knows, whether our Mistres-
ses



ses dearly Beloved, at this very present, doth not as many others have done; who when they are travelling any whither, the first thing they do, is to be very diligent, and look earnestly about, whether there be not some handsom Gentlewoman that travels with them, by whom they very courteously take place, shewing themselves might humble and complacent, and telling them that they are Batchelors or at the least Widowers; then casting out a discourse of playing a game at Cards, that they may the better see what mettle the Lady is made of, and then again when they come to a Baiting-place, or where they must stay the night over, there they domineer lustily with them, and play the part of a Rodomontade. Where many times more is acted and spent, then they dare either tell their Wives, or their father Confessors of.

. Others there are, who seek not so much such company, but very artificially before hand, know how to find
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out such Fellow-travellers as most suit with their own humour ; to that end providing themselves with some Bottles of Canary , and pure Spanish Tobacco ; and where ever they come are sure to make choice of the best Inn , where there's a good Table, delicate Wine, (and a handfom Wench) to be had.

Certainly , if the Husband thus one way , and his Wife another , know how to find out the Pleasures of Marriage, they are then both of them happy to the utmost ? Is it not possible , but that they might , if this continued long , take a journey , for pleasure , to Brokers-Hall ? For at first it was by them esteem'd too mean a place to be look'd upon , and not worth their thinking of : but then its probable it may come into their considerations , by reason that rents are low there , provisions very cheap , and pleasures in abundance ; neither hath Pride or Ambition taken any habitation there. Nay , who knows but that they might chance to observe that there is no such
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need of feasting and jyn ketting; nor be subject to so many visits, because there dwells not such a number of their friends and acquaintance: and besides all this, you may there, for a small matter, agree with the Collectors of the Excises, so that, for a whole year, you may have Wine, and severall other things plenty, for little or nothing.

But let's lay aside all this, because they are untimely cogitations, that fly astray; and it is much decenter that we turn again to our kind-hearted Mistris, with her merry companions; who now, are about the taking leave of each other; using, to shew their gratitude, whole bundles full of complements; offering them up with an inexpressible amiableness and eloquency for the respect and honour they have received; and confirm them with so many kisses, curties, bows and conges, that it is easie to be perceived, that on both sides its cordially meant. And Doll, that good and faithfull servant, is not able
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to exprefs how pleafing this entertain-
ment hath been to all the company.
Nay, it lies buzzing her-fo in the pate,
that ſhe cannot be at quiet in a morning,
whileſt her Miſtris is a ſleep, but ſhe
muſt, with the Neighbors Maids,
either at the opening of the Shop, or
ſweeping of the ſtreet, be tatling and
telling of it to them; putting, every
foot, into their hands privately, ſome
Almonds and Raiſins, that came in by
leger de main: Relating unto them, as
if ſhe did it by a ſcrole, what a horri-
ble quantity of things ſhe hath to ſcour
and waſh, that muſt be made clean,
and ſet in order, againſt the time that
the Bridemaids, as it was mentioned,
are to come again alone; and ſo much
the more, becauſe her Maſter is daily
expected home. Who then finally co-
ming in, is not ordinarily welcomed,
for ſhe is ſo full of joy that her husband
is come home, that both her tongue and
actions are incapable of demonſtrating
her felicity; and he on the other ſide,
is





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so glad to find his dearly Beloved in good health, and all things in decent order, that it is beyond imagination.

All this while they both laugh in their sleeves, that each one, in th'absence of the t'other, hath taken to themselves such a private an cunning pleasure. Finding so much content and enjoyment therein, that they both hope to serve themselves again with the like occasion. O mighty Pleasure of Marriage! Who would not but be invited to go into this estate? Especially if we proceeded to write down and rehearse the further Confession of the separate Pleasures of Man and Wife, which is preserved as matter for the ensuing Fifth and Sixth Pleasure.

The Fourth Pleasure.

*The Wife will be Master of the Cash,
or money Chest.*

AS Money is one of the most curiousest Minerals, is it, in like manner, the less admirable, that the handling

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ling and use there of rendreth the greatest Pleasures of the World. It is Loves Fire, and Charities Fountain. Yea, if Man and Wife in their house keeping may be esteemed or compared to the Sun and Moon in the Firmament; verily, those merry white or yellow boies, may very well be considered of as twinkling stars.

It rejoiceth all mankind to behold in the sky the innumerable multitude of glittering Stars: but it is a far surpassing Pleasure, that the new married Couple receive, when they see vast heaps of Silver and Gold ly dazling their eys, and they Lording over it.

You, O lately married Couple, possess this Pleasure to the utmost; you have to your content received your promised Portions; you onely want the great Iron Mony-Chest to lock it up in securely, and to keep it safely, that it may be laid out to advantage. O how pleasant the free dispensation thereof is unto you! What a noble Valley it is to
walk

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walk in between these Mountains, and to delight your eyes with such an object!

Yet nevertheless, O faithfull Couple, here is need that a great deal of prudence be used, as well in the laying of it out, as the preserving of it. In ancient times it hath been often observed and taken notice of, that where mony was hid, the places were generally haunted with terrible spirits, and strange Ghosts. That walked there, coming in frightfull apparitions: but since they have been driven out of our Country and Houses; there's another sort of Imp come in, ten times wickedder then any of the other; which regards nor cares neither for Crosses, Holy-water, Exorcisms, or any sort of Diavel-drivers; but dares boldly shew himself at noon-day, namely a Plague-Divel, which sets Man an Wife together by the ears, to try who of them both shall have the command and government of the Cash or mony box.

And to the end he may herein act his
Part

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Part well, he knows how very subtilly first to fill the weak womans ears full, that she ought above all things to have the command of the cash; because she had such a great Portion; and that it is her mony which she hears gingle so. And then again, because the care of the house-keeping is appropriated to be her duty, it is against all reason, that she, like a servant, should give an account to her husband, what, wherefore, or how that the mony is laid out; because the necessaries also for house-keeping are so many, that they are without end, name or number, and it is impossible that one should relate or ring them all into the ears of a Man. Likewise the good woman cannot have so fit an occasion every foot to be making some new things, that she may follow the fashion, as it is usual for women to do; much less to have any private pocket-mony, to treat and play the Divil for Gods sake, with her Bride-Maids, when her husband is gone from home.

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And on the contrary, when men pay out any thing, it goes out by great sums, according as is specified by the accounts delivered, which must be set to book, and an acquittance given: This cannot be so done with every pittifull small thing that belongs to house-keeping. Infomuch that the Husband can then, with all facility, demand what Mony is needful for his occasion from his Wife.

Moreover, when the Wife hath the command of the mony, she can alwaies see in what condition and state her affairs stands; and by taking good observation thereof, her husband cannot sop her out with Pumpkins for Musmillions; but she'l easily perceive whether she be decreasing or increasing in her estate. So that if her husband might come to dy, and she be left a Widow with several children, she can immediately see and understand in what posture her affairs stands, and whether she be gotten forward or gone backward in the World. And

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And what's more yet, it would be a great shame for a Woman, who hath alwaies been so highly respected by her husband; and as it appeared to all the World, was honoured like a Princess; that she should within doores be as servile as a servant; and must be fed out of her husbands hands, just as if she were a waif-all, a sweet-tooth, or gamestres, &c.

With these, and a thousand such like arguments, doth this Plague-Divel know how to puff up the vain humours of the weak Women, to the true pitch of high-mindedness. And on the contrary, is in the mean while busie with flatteries, to stir up the husband. To idle imaginations and self-conceitedness; demonstrating unto him, that he is the Lord, and guide of his Wife; created to command her, and she to obey him. That it is most easie to be perceived, what a noble creature Man is, whilst that Woman who is so handsom and haughty, is nevertheless but added unto him as a servant.

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Therefore if he once admit his Wife into an equality with him; he will then be subject to see that she will be striving for the predominancy: and that it is the greatest curse imaginable in a Country, for Women to Lordize over Men. And for these reasons they ought to be but like the nui in Figures, and to be kept as a Controuler by the Harth, the Pot, and the Spinning-wheel. Whilest they that deliver up to them the keys of the Mony-Chest, are deprived of all their superiority, and like Men unman'd, have only the name but cannot obtain the effect.

In such manner doth as yet this Divil-plaguing Spirit domnieer, by clear daylight, in many of the principallest houses and hearts, and makes oftentimes so great a difference and discord about the key of the Cash, that the Cash it self seems to get Eagles Wings, and swiftly flies away. Whilest the husband, perceiving that the Wife seeks to deceive and take the key from him, is alwaies posses-

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possessed with abominable suspicions; certainly thinking that she is minded to make some unnecessary thing or other, or to hide some mony from him; which makes him watch her waters so much the stricter; and is not ashamed to give out and make what he hath a mind to for his own pleasure.

And the Wife, perceiving that her husband is so sneaking, and forsooth so circumspect, with subtilty contrives and practises how to make him pay out mony for all what she hath any waies a mind to; by that means making her self Mistris of the Mony-Chest, beyond his knowledge, though he hath the name, and carrijs the keys in his Pocket: for if she have a mind to new Stays for her self or daughter; away she goes to a Silk-shop, buies Stuf to her mind, and causeth it to be made as modish as possible may be; and having tried that it fits and pleases her fancy fully; then it is brought home by one or other of her trusty acquaintance, who come
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at a convenient time appointed, just like some petty Brokester, proffering it forsooth in sale to the Mistris, and telling her a relation that it was really made for such a Lady, but that she died whilest it was making; and for that reason it may be had for a very low price; yea, that it is such a cheap bargain, that perhaps the like may not be had again this ten years, &c.

Thus the good wife knows rarely well how to play her part, and begins to reckon how many ells of Stuff, how much for lining, and the making thereof would come to cost: so that her husband, by reason of the cheapness is curious of himself to desire her to try it on; and finally, sees that it fits her, as if it had been made for her. To be short, after much cheapning and bargaining, the price is concluded on, though it be against the husbands stomach, or the Cash wel can bear it; and then the Brokeer is ordered when she hath such or the like other good bargain

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gain, to come again, and let them see
it.

In this manner the Wife fetches about
by the by as much as she can, and hood-
winking her husband e'en as she pleases;
for at other times there comes to be sold
Table-cloaths, Napkins, and then again
Coats, Sheets, Blankets, and all sorts of
necessaries for housekeeping and habit,
from some Gentlewoman or other
that its left to, by the decease of some
friend, &c.

Insomuch that the Wife, through
the niggardliness of her husband, im-
bezles away and buies more, then other-
wise she would do; making it all her
delight and sole pleasure, to blind
fold her narrow-soul'd Peep in the
Pot, (as she calls him;) although she,
by these waies and means, doth jestingly
consume her own self. But this belongs
also to the Pleasures of Marriage. And
if it in the conclusion prove to be a pain,
patience is the best remedy.

But be merry, O new married Cou-
ple,

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ple, that you, like unto young *Toby*, have found out the remedy, how to drive away this Devil-Plaguer of your Wedlock; by living in love and tranquility, equally confiding in each other, desiring no superiority; but with a true cordiality, interchangeably granting, and having each alike freedom of the monies; the Husband hath the keeping and government of the keys, and the Wife wants for no mony; nay hath access also her self to it. Who can doubt but that your family will be blest, and your stock of monies increase.

And that so much the more, because the Husband hates playing at Tables, and the Wife is an enemy to Cards, which hath been the occasion oftentimes on both sides of the consuming much mony, and therefore is little used by some Shopkeepers; leaving that to Gentlemen to lose both time and mony, who therein seek their pastime, delight and pleasure. And this is in like manner imitated by many great Ladies, who

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are often so cruelly addicted to Card-playing, that they sometimes value not, in one evening, the losing of very great sums, and yet know how to maintain their respects therein very prudently and gallantly; but in the mean while let the Millaner, Linnen-Draper, Tailor, and Shoemaker run most miserably and shamefully after them for moneys from one month to another, oftentimes from one year to another, as if they came begging to them for a peece of bread; and when they do pay them, it must not be taken notice of by their Lords and husbands.

These generally use the greatest violence against the peace of the Family; because this superfluous expence, and liberal disposition of my Lady, is very seldom pleasing to my Lord, who little thought that her Ladiship would have been such a spend-thrift of the Cash.

But since great Lords, as well as other meaner sorts of persons, are shot and pierc'd by one and the same blind Cupid,

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Cupid, they are in like manner subject to such casualities of adversities and pleasures; and every one perceives, when it is too late, what kind of election he hath made; just as they do who begin a War, but before its half finished are weary of it. Therefore.

*To Battel be ye slow, but slower be to
Wed,*

*For many do repent, untill that they
be dead;*

*But if avoided then, by you it cannot
be,*

*A thousand Counsellors will well de-
serve your Fee.*

The Fifth Pleasure.

*Of Mens negligence of their affairs;
whereby their Antic-tricks and loss of
time is discovered.*

VErily the Women, being the weakest Vessels, are many times most cruelly impeacht, when the Marriage-
D 3 Ship

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Ship fails not well before Wind and Tide: just as if they, to whom is only given the charge of the Family, care of the Kitchen, and nourishment of the Children, were the occasioners of sad casualties and disasters in the Merchandizes and Shop-keepings: When, on the contrary, the negligence of the Men is many times so great, that if the Woman knew not how to carry her self like a prudent *Abigail*, it would be impossible ever to bring the Ship to a safe harbour, and to free it from Shipwrack, but all things must run to a total destruction.

Many men are free hereof, who are continually using their utmost inducements, and take their chiefest delight in the promotion of their affairs, by day with their bodies, and at night with their senses, are earnestly busie in contriving them it. Whose main aim is, to live honestly, to get a good name, to shew good examples to their Children and Servants, to leave something to their Widows, and never to be a laughing-stock or derision
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to their enemies. And this manner of diligence makes no labour irksome, no morning too early, nor no evening too late for them.

But others, on the contrary, are so easie humoured, and so negligent of their vocation, that they think its much below the respect of a Man, to be seen whole daies in their houses with their Wives, and about their affairs. Then in such cases, there must, by every one in his calling, be found a multitude of lame excuses, before they can blind the eyes of a quick-sighted Woman, or pin it upon her so far, that she perceives not he seeks his pleasure from her, in whom his whole delight ought to be.

If it be *Doctor of Physick*, he forsooth hath no time to study, because he must go to visit a Patient that hath a violent Ague, to see what operation the Cordial hath done which he ordered him to take yesternight; for if any thing else should come to it, he would certainly be a dead man, &c.

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And if you do but trace his paths and Patient, it is by his friend, who yesternight was troubled with a vehement Celar-Fever; and at the very last, before he went to sleep, took in a swinging bowl of strong liquor; which made his Pulse beat so Feaverish and disorderly the next morning, that he was necessitated, at one draught, to whip off a lusty glass of Wormwood-Wine, (an excellent remedy for the Ague;) and then to walk an hour or two upon it, wherein the Doctor accompanying him, it causes the better operation.

Here now you see the Doctor, and what Ague the Patient hath, what he takes for't, what comes to it, and how dead a man he is. Truly the Doctor hath made as neat a guess at it, as if he had studied long for it. Hang the Books, when a man hath his Art so perfect in his Pate.

For this, the Doctor hath so much good again, when he hath a mind to visit a Patient in Tuttle-street, or St. Jameses

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meses Square, this Patient walks along with him for company. And when one hand washes the other in this manner, ô then they are both so Silver clean!

Turn you about now to the *Counselors*, and see how their Studies are all on Fire, only to be going too and again from one Court to another, to hear, forsooth, this or t'other Cause pleaded, that mightily concerns them, thereby to take their measures accordingly: When to the contrary, it serves to no other purpose then to sell a parcel of Chatwood, and tattle tales, of some brave Practitioners, a great deal worse then women would do; and finally to appoint a place, where in the evening they may accompany their Fraternity at a good glas of Wine.

Under this bundle resorts continually the Shittlecock Excisemen, accompanied with Collectors and Promooters, who are the greatest Bell-ringers in Taverns, and sometimes, in one evening, spend as much in Rhenish Wine, Oi-

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flers and Tobacco; as ten sufficient Families would do in a month. These live without care, and command freely out of a full purse, imagining in themselves that all the Revenues are their own. And if their Wives do, in the least, but peep into their concerns; they presently baptize it with the name of going upon an exploit, to chase a fat Doe, or neatly to attrap some Defrauder. And that this part may have the better gloss, when they come home in the morning, they have their pockets full of mony, which they throw into their wives laps; and tell them that they have attrapped some body, and agreed with them for a great sum of mony, having in part of paiment received this; when to the contrary, it is all the King and Countries mony, only taken out of their Offices. This generally lasts so long, till they are pursued by the Treasurer, and are arrested, and clapt up, or that they prevent it by playing Bankrupt, and in this manner leave a
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lorrowfull Widow and Children behind them.

By these the Foolwise *Notary's* for the most part join themselves; making their Wives beleve that they are sent for into this or t'other Alehouse or Tavern, about an Excise-mans business; or to write a Will, or a Contract of agreement of Merchandize; though it be to no other end or purpose then to have a perfect knowledge who plaies best at Ticktack, Irish, Backgammon, Passage, or All-fours. From thence then they cannot come before it be late in the night, and have learnt there to make a Scotch Will so wel, that they are, by two witnesses, half carried, and half trail'd home to their houses; bragging still, that they have had Wine and Beer, and received mony into the bargain. Thus all things is baptized with the name of having earnest business.

The like knowledge have also the *Merchants, Shop-keepers*, and others who love company, to alledge for their excu-

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les and defence ; but the most fashionable , give it the name of going to a sale of some Lands and Houses , Parts of Ships, Merchandizes, Shop-Wares, Meetings, or Arbitrations. Though many times, in more then a month, there hath not bee the least sale of any of the aforenamed Commodities, or occasion for any such sort of businesses.

And verily whom do you see sooner or later at the Exchange then these sort of people? And 't is no wonder: for since they indeavour not to have the name of *brave Negotiants*, their principallest aim is to obtain the name of *great News-mongers*, and that hath so much tittle-tattle in it, that it requires a person free from all affairs and business to be imploied therein.

Here you may perceive them to be the most diligent of all others, oftner inquiring what tidings there are in the French, English, and Flanders Letters; then to know what news from the Seas, concerning the arrivall or loss of Ships,

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or what Merchandizes, Commodities and Wares, are risen or fallen in price.

Nevertheless these make the greatest bawling and scolding at their Wives, if they have not their Dinners miade ready for them precisely an hour before Change-time, just as if the main weight of all the Traffick and Negotiation at Change, lay upon their shoulders; though it only tends to follow the train, and to hear some news, or to seek some Pot-Companions.

These Blades will be sure also, in the Winter time by four, and in the Summer time by six a clock in the evening, to be precisely at the Coffe-houses; where, under the taking of a pipe of pure Spanish Tobacco, some dishes of Coffe, Chocolate, Sherbate, or Limonado, there is a relation made of the newest tidings, or what is most remarkable of things that have hapned here or there. They hear there no clock strike, nor think upon Wives, Children, or Servants, though it were never so late.

There's

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There's another sort of Men, that do not frequent the Exchange, and go out only about their Shop affairs, these we see taking their pleasures for several hours together at Queenhithe and other places, with selling of chatwood; and when they are a weary with walking and talking, away they go to the Plume of Feathers to rest themselves, and call for half a pint, or a pint of Sack, and some to the Strong Water Shop, and drink a quartern of Cinamon water, Clove-water, or Aqua mitabilis.

And these imagine themselves to be of the most orderly sort; by reason that some men, in the Summer time, take their pleasure most part of the morning, to be busie at their Wormwood Wine; and consume their afternoon in clashing and quafing off the bottels of Old Hock and Spaw-water. And when it grows cold, and the daies short, then they are early at the Strong-water Shop; and in the evening late in the Coffe-houses; and again twice or thrice a week
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precisely, and that more devouter then once in a Church, they are most certain to be found at the Playhouses.

Whilest others again are earnestly imploied in taking their pleasures in a Coach, or on horseback, ambling, trotting and gallopping along the high ways, from one Country-Fair, or Horsemarket to another; and at every place where they see but a conveniency to stable their Horses, there they are certain to bait; and consume an infinite deal of time; especially if they happen to find any Horse-Courlers there to be chatting and chaffering with.

These are much like unto those that take delight in Pleasure-boats and Barges, who with the smallest gale of wind, are stormed out of all their occupations; nay, although they were never so important, yet the very breathing of a warm Zephyr blows not only all business out of their heads, but themselves in person out of their Shops and Counting-houses.

Here

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Here you may behold them with unwearied bodies rigging of their Masts, spreading of their Sails, halling up their Spreet and Leeboards, and all in a sweat catching hold of the Oars to be rowing, whilst at home they are too weak or lazy to move or stir the least thing in the World, nay can hardly bring pen to paper. For to neglect such a gallant and pleasant day of weather, would be a crime unpardonable.

No lover of a boat, may stay within a Port,

Though Shop and Office both, should dearly suffer for't.

Others again are sworn Pigeon Merchants, and every Market day in the forenoon precisely, let it cost what it will, must be attending there, and the rest of the week both morning and afternoon at their Pigeon-traps. Here in they take an infinite pleasure, hushing up their Pigeons to flight, then observing the

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the course they take ; looking upon the turning of their Tumblers ; and then to the very utmost , commending the actions , carriages and colours of their Great Runts , Small Runts , Carriers , Light Horsemen , Barberies , Crop-pers , Broad-tail'd Shakers , and Jaco-pins ; taking care and making so much provision for their young ones , that they let both their own young , and the house-keeping , run to destruction.

But there are the Cock-Merchants surpass these abundantly ; who , upon certain penalties , must at the least , thrice a week appear in the Cock-pit ; and there , before the Battel begins , consume two or three hours at Tables , and in Wine , Beer and Tobacco ; whilest they attend there the coming of their Adversaries and other lovers of the sport. Here then a view must be taken of each others Cocks , which are forsooth according to their merits and value , set apart in their Coops either in the yard , or above in the Garret , to be fed as is
most

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most convenient ; and there's then a
discourse held concerning them , as if
they were persons of some extraordinary
state , quality , and great valour. Not
a word must be spoke , (as much as if
there were a penalty imposed upon it)
but of Cock-fighting. Here Master
Capon vaunts that his Game-Cock was
hard enough for the gallant Shake-bag
of Sir John Boaster ; although Sir John
Boasters famous Shake-bag , but three
weeks before , had fought against that
incomparable Game-Cock of Squire
Owls-eg , and claw'd him off severely.

Here you may see abundance of
Country Gentlemen and rich Farmers,
coming from several parts with their
Cocks in their bags to the Battel ; hang-
ing them up there in ample form till
it be their turns to fight. And there
also you may behold Lord Spendall
brought thither in his Coach very mag-
nificently , and carried home in no less
state ; but seldom goes away before he
hath either won or lost a pretty number
of Guineys.

Yea

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Yea there's Squire Clearpurle, with his Princely companion, who keep alwaies six and thirty Game-Cocks at nurse by the Master of the Pit; never goes away from thence, before he hath got, by his ordinary dunghill Cock that runs about the streets, and without false spurs too, half a score Crown-pieces, and as much more as will pay his reckoning in his pocket. But if they both begin to appear with their Shakebags, then it is, Stand clear Gentlemen, here comes the honour of the Pit; and then the Master of the Pit must have out of each Battel for Sharpning the Spurs, and clipping of the neck feathers, half a Ginny; and then when the Battels ended, he brings into the reckoning half a Crown *extra* for Brandy, Salve, and cherishing and chafing it by the fire, &c. But for this, they have the honour also to be in the Chamber with the principallest Gentlemon, to sit in the best places of the Pit; to turn the hour-glass and like prudent Aldermen,
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in the presence of all the Auditors, to
give their judgements touching the con-
tending parties; where there are gene-
rally more Consultations, Advices,
and Sentences, held and pronounced,
then are to be found or heard of in the
principallest Law-books or Statutes of
the Kingdom.

It would be here an everlasting
shame; if the Conqueror, like a Niggard,
should carry all this mony home; there-
fore the greatest part must be given
and generously spent with the company.
This is the duty of every one, whose
Cock hath beaten anothers out of the
Pit, and went away Crowing like a
Conqueror. Nay, what's matter if it
were all spent, its no such great peece
of business; the honours more worth
then the mony.

In the mean while it grows late in the
night, and the good woman, with the
Table covered, sits longing, telling
every minute, and hoping for the co-
ming home of him, who seems to find
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and take more pleasure in Cockfighting, then like a brave Game-Cock himself to enter into the Pit with his Wife. O most contrary and miserable Pleasure of marriage on the mens side.

But amongst these Cock-Merchants, I am of opinion, there's none hath more pleasure then the Master of the Pit; because he gets more for the feeding, clipping, salving, and anointing of them, &c. then ten good Nurses, and put them all together. And moreover he hath all the pleasure for nothing, and is mighty observant to feed and tickle their fancies, and obey their commands, that their delight therein may the more and more increase, and the reckoning also be ne'r a whit the less.

And these Lovers and Gentlemen are no sooner departed, but he laies him down very orderly in a very fashionable Bedstead, hung round about the Curtains and Vallians with Hens-Egshells suck'd out. But if he did, for the same purpose, suck out all the Cocks-Eg-

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Eg-shels, it would be a much more rare
and pleasant sight.

There is yet another sort of men,
which we in like manner find, that con-
sume their time, neglect their occasion,
and spend their money with Dog-fig-
thing, Bull and Bear-baiting, as the Cock-
Merchants do with Cock-fighting.
One way that they take pleasure in, is
to bring their Dogs together, and there
fight them for a Wager of five, or ten
pound, and sometimes more; which
money must be set or stak'd down,
though they hardly know how to find
as much more again in the whole World,
and there the poor Dogs by biting and
tearing one anothers skins and flesh in
pieces for the pleasure of their fantastical
Masters; and if the Wager be, in the least
manner to be contradicted, then too't
they go themselves, and thump and
knock one another till they look more
like beasts than men.

This being done, the next meeting
is, to try their Bear and Bull-Dogs at
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the Bear Garden ; the match being made, all their wits must be screw'd up to the highest, how to get mony to make good their wagers; though Wife, House and Family should sink in the meanwhile : Then away they go with their Tousers and Roulers to the Bear-garden, and then the Bull being first brought to the stake, the Challenger lets fly at her, and the Bull perceiving the Dog coming, slants him under the belly with her horns, and tosses him as high as the Gallerys, this is much laughter; but his Master, very earnestly and tenderly, catching him in the fall, tries him the second time, when he comes off with little better success : Then his Adversary lets loose his Dog at the Bull, who running close with his belly to the ground, fastens under the Bulls nose by the skin of the under-lip; the Bull shaking and roaring to get him loose, but he holds faster and faster; then up flie caps and hats, shouting out the excessive joy that there is for this most noble victory.

Now

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Now comes the Bear dogs, being stout swinging Mastives; and the Bearard having brought the Bear to the Stake, unrings him, and turns him about, so that he may see the Dog, that's to play at him; the Challenger let's fly his Dog, which being a cruel strong Curries up to the Bears nose, fastens and turns him topsy-turvy; there's no small joy and an eccho of Shouts that makes the very earth tremble; then there's pulling and hawling to get him off from the Bear: Then the Adversary let's fly his Dog, who coming to fasten, the Bear being furious and angry that he was so plagu'd with the first Dog, claps his paw about the back of him, and squeezes him that he howls and runs; there stands the Master, looking like an Owl in an Ivybush, to see the stakes drawn, and he haply with never a penny in his pocket, hath no money at home, nor knows not where to get any. And that which vexeth him worst of all, is, that his delicate Dog is utterly spoil'd.

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But we'll leave of these inhuman, and brutal stories; and rather relate the Confession of another sort of Men; who are generally of a longing temper, not much unlike to the big-bellied weak women; nay, sometimes do therein far surpass the Women: And altho they know that it is never so damagable or hurtfull unto them, yet dare boldly say:

*When Women long, it harms by chance,
But mens desire's a worser dance.*

And in this they are both bold and shameless, clear contrary to Women-kind; in somuch that they without fear or terror, dare, at noon day, say to their Pot-companions: I have a mighty mind to a pipe of Tabacco, come lets go to the Sun, half Moon, or to the Golden Fleece, and smoke a pipe: where they rip up such a multiplicity of discourse, and consume so much time and Tabacco; that if they tasted neither
E beer

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beer nor wine, they might with all reason be upbrai'ded to be debauch'd persons. But it would be a work as inexpressible as infinite to relate their longing appetites at all other times, to Musmalions, Seldry, Anchovis, Olives, or slubbring Caviart, with all their appurtenances. Much more their liquorishness at Oisters, where they stand greedily swallowing them up in the open shops, not giving themselves time to send for them to a Tavern, and eat them decently.

If they did thus, in the presence of their Wives, they might have some pleasure of it also: But the content hereof seems to consist therein, that either alone, or with their Fraternity, they may thus lustily satisfy their longing appetites.

Here we shall commend the Lovers of Tee, because they are willing to make use of it in the company of women; although there be now a daies so much formality used with it, and so much time idly spent in the consumption of
it,

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it, that it seems almost as if this herb were found out, or brought over to no other purpose, then to be the occasion of an honest chatting-school, between men and women; where you may have intelligence of all that passes betwixt married and unmarried persons throughout the whole City. And woe be to them that have the least symptom of a meazle upon their tongue, for the true lovers of Tee, are like unto the Suppers up of Coffy, and are the best News-Mongers for all things that happens in the City, yea almost in all Kingdoms; and when you hear the men speak seriously of such matters; it is as if they had the best correspondence for intelligence out of all Princes Courts; but especially, if this miracle be wrought thereby, that the Water be changed in to Wine.

Others, who love neither Tee nor Coffy, and yet are very desirous to know what passes in the World; you may find mighty earnestly, for some hours, stand prating in the Bookfellers Shops; al-

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waies asking what, news is there, what Pamphlets, what Pasquils, what Plays, what Libels, or any of the like Bombodder, is lately come out; and then they must buy and read them, let it cost what it will.

Here they make the sole balance of State-business. Here, with great prudence, discourse is held of the importantest State-affairs, and of the supreamest persons in authority; and in their own imaginations know more then both the Houses of Lords and Commons. Although they never sate in Council with any of their Footmen. Nay they know to the weight of an ace, and can give a perfect demonstration of it, which of the three Governments is best, Monarchy, Anarchy, or Democracy. Which many times takes such a deep root and impression upon them, and touches them so to the very heart, that they absolutely forget the governing of their needfull affairs which they went out about; for when they come to the place where their

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occasions lay ; they find the person either long before gone abroad, or so imploied with his own business, that he can hardly a quarter do that hee ought to do.

'Tis true some soft natured women, that are as innocent as Doves, observe not these sort of actions and tricks ; but suffer themselves easily to be soft off by their husbands ; or else by a gentle salutation are appeased ; but others who are cunninger in the cares of their Shops and Families, can no waies take a view of these doings with eys of pleasure.

Yet this is nothing near the worst sort ; and is naught else but a kind of a scab-biness that the most accomplishedst marriages are infected with. And verily if the husbands do thus neglect their times, and their Wives, in the meanwhile, like carefull Bees, are diligent in looking after their Shop and house-keeping ; they ought, when they do come home to speak their minds something freely to them.

But the imaginary authority of men, many times surges to such height, that it seems to them insupportable, to hear any thing of a womans contradiction, thinking, that all what ever they do, is absolutely perfect and uncontroulable. And can, on the contrary, when their Wives go to the Shambles or Market, reckon to a minute in what time they ought to be back again: And wo be to them, if they do, according to the nature of women, stand and prattle here or there their time away, concerning Laces, Cookery, and other household occasions.

But you, O wel married Couple, how pleasant it is to see that you two agree so well together? That either is alike diligent and earnest in taking care of their charge. That your husband many times saith unto you his housewife, my Dear, it is a curious fair day, go walk abroad, and give a visit to some or other of your good acquaintance; I shall tarry at home the whole day, and
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will take sufficient care of all things, and in the evening come and fetch you home, &c. And you again in like manner, upon a good occasion, relieve your husband, and take delight in his walking abroad with some good friends to take his pleasure, and to recreate and refresh his tired senses.

If he be a little sickish of that distemper and that he will sometimes spend a penny upon a Libel or new Tiding; that is a great pleasure for you, because you know that the Booksellers and Printers must live; and every fool must have one or t'other bawble to play with.

You had great reason to be dissatisfied if he consumed his money in the Tavern or with Tables. But you know that Ben Johnsons Poems, and Penbrooks Arcadia, did so enchant you, that they forc't the money out of your Pocket; yet they serv'd you in your Maiden estate with very good instructions, and shewing you many Vertues. You may therefore think, that such

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men who desire to surge higher in knowledge, will have something also to be reading. And it is most certain, whilest they are busie with that, their Wives are free from being controled. 'Tis also undeniable, that men cannot alwaies be alike earnest in their affairs; for verily if they be so, they are for the most part great *Peep in the Pots* and directers of their Wives, who have certainly their imperfections. And it is the principallest satisfaction, and greatest pleasure in marriage, when a woman winks or passes by the actions of her husband; and the husband in like manner the actions of his wife; for if that were not so, how should they now and then in passing by, throw a love-kiss at one another; or how should they at night be so earnest in pressing one another to go first to bed.

'Tis therefore, above all things, very needfull for the increasing of love, that a woman wink at many of her husbands actions; especially if he keep no cor-
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respondence with Tiplers, that will be alwaies in the Alehouses; and there too will be serv'd and waited upon, forsooth, to a hairs breadth; nay, and as we perceive, if the Wife brings in the Anchovis upon the Table, without watring them a little, as oftentimes happens there, then the house is full of Hell and damnation. For these smaller sort of Gentlemen, are they who sow strife and sedition between man and wife, and continually talk of new Taverns and Alehouses, clean Pots, and the best Wine; they alwaies know where there is an Oxhead newly broach'd: and the first word they speak, as soon as they come together, is, Well Sir, where were you yesternight, that we saw you not at our ordinary meeting place? Ho, saies the t'other, t'was at the *Blew Boar*, where I drunk the delicatest Wine that ever my lips tasted. You never tasted the like on't. If I should live a thousand year, the tast would never be out of my thoughts. Nay, if

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the Gods do yet drink Nectar, it is certainly prest out of those Grapes. Words cannot possibly decipher or express the tast, though *Tully* himself, the father of eloquence, having drunk of it, would make the Oration. What do you think then, if you and I went thither immediately and drunk one pint of it standing? I am sure, Sir, that you will, as well as I, admire it above all others. Done it is, and away they go: But it is not long before you see those roses blooming in their hands, of whose smell, tast, and colour a neat draught is taken, and an excellent exposition of the qualities. Yet the t'other Gentleman commends it to the highest; though he is assured that he tasted a Glass in Master *Empty Vessels* Cellar that was far delicater, and that he would far esteem beyond this. Nevertheless he acknowledges this to be very good. But the pint being out, the first word is, *Hang,* *What goes upon one leg?* *Draws t'other pint of the same Wine.* And then they begin

begin to find that the longer they drink, the better it tastes; which is an undeniable sign that it is pure good Wine. And this pint being out again; presently saies the t'other, *All good things consist in three*: so that we must have the t'other pint. Where upon the second saith, As soon as this is out, we will go with the relish of it in our mouths to Master Clean Pints, to tast his and this against each other. I am contented, so said so done; and thus by the oftentimes tasting and retasting, they grow so mighty loving, that it is impossible for them to depart from one another, because they every foot say, they cannot part with an empty Pot, and this love in a few hours grows on so hot, that the love of the Wife is totally squench't; not only drawing men mightily out of their business, but keeping them late out from their families; and making them like incarnate Divels against their Wives. From whence proceeds, that when they come either whole or half drunk home, there

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is nothing well to their minds, but they will find one thing or another to controul, bawl or chide with.

To these also may be adjoined those who generally resort to the Miter, Kings Arms, and Plume of Feathers, or some other places where the commonly make their bargains for buying and selling of Goods and Merchandizes; from whence they seldom come before they have spent a large reckoning, and lost more then three of their five senses; thinking themselves no less rich then they are wise; and ly then very subtly upon the catch to overreach another in a good and advantageous bargain; by which means they themselves are sometimes catcht by the nose with a mouldy old sort of unknown commodity, that they may walk home with, by weeping crosse; and next morning there they stand and look as if they had suckt their Dam through a hurdle, and know not which way to turn themselves with their Merchandize they have made; in this manner, bringing
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their Wives and Children (if they let them know it) into excessive inconveniencies; and for all this want for nothing of grumbling and mumbling.

*Some sorts of men,
Are Tyrants when
Their thirsty Souls are fill'd:
They scold sore hot
Like Peep inth' Pot
And never can be still'd.
They talk and prate
At such a rate,
And think of nought but evil;
They fight and brawl,
And Wives do mawl,
Though all run for the Duel.
But at their drangh,
They quaff and laugh
Amongst their fellow creatures.
They swear and tear
And never fear
Old Nick in his worst features.
Who would but say
Then, by the way*

That

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That Woman is distressed,

Who must indure

An Epicure

With whom she'l ne'r be blessed.

In this last many Fathers commit great errors, who, when they are hot-headed with multiplicity of Wine, take little regard of the bad examples they shew unto their Children and Families. Nay some there are that will in their sobrest sence go with their sons, as if they were their companions, into a Tavern without making any sort of difference; and also, when there is a necessity or occasion for it, know but very slenderly how to demonstrate their paternal prudence and respect; but in this manner let loose the bridle of government over their children.

Thus I knew an understanding Father, do who with some other Gentlemen, and his son, being upon a journey together, to take care of some important affairs; but seeing that at every Inn
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where they came, that his fellow-travellers were resolute blades, and that he must pay as deep to his son as himself; exhorted his son to take his full share of all things, and especially of the Wine; every foot whispering him in the ear, Peter, drink, and then after a little while, again, Peter, drink; And as he recommended this so earnestly to his son, he himself very diligently lost no time to get his share; which continued so long that going out of the chamebr to evacuate their bladders, they both fell into a channel, where clasping each other in the arms, the son said, Father! are we not now like brothers?

By this we may observe, what the Father of a Family, by his examples, may do. But you, O well-match'd Woman, have no need to fear this sort of president in your husband, because he is a perfect hater of excessive drinking, and an enemy to such company that alwaies frequent Taverns and Ale-houses;

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houses; and if he doth go once among good acquaintance, and take a glass more then ordinary, which is but seldom, there's nothing that he doth less then maunder and mumble; but he's all for kissing, feeling and dallying; hating pot-company to the highest, or those that make it their business, or spend their times in the Summer with going a Fishing, and in the Winter go a Birding; upon which sort of Gentlemen this old rime was made:

*Who in the Winter Bird, and Summers
go a Fishing,*

*Have no bad meat in Tub, that is not
worth the aishing.*

But your husband on the contrary, takes especial care of his affairs; and for the pleasure and ease of his wife, goes himself to market, there buies a good joint of meat or a Fowl, and gets it made ready, and sits down and eats it with his beloved: Then when he and
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you have very relishingly satisfied your appetites, and drunk two or three glasses of wine into the bargain, he invites you very quietly to walk up stairs into your chamber to say a day-lesson. Well who could wish for greater Pleasure then this!

O good Woman, how happy are you, if, as well as your husband you can keep your self in these joys and delights. What state or condition is there in this World that may be compared to such a loving, friendly and well accomplished match! For without jesting, it happens hardly once in a thousand times that a match falls out so well. And although it did, yet it is not free from a thousand crosses and dissatisfactions, which are done unto you either by children, wicked friends, or sometimes bad neighbours: and are oftentimes so many, that if they were all drawn up in one Picture; we should, in good truth, see more grief and horror in it, then is demonstrated in the very Picture
of

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of Hell it self. But one pound of the hony of sweet love, can easily balance a hundred weight of that terrible and bitter Wormwood.

But where is there one among all the whole number of tender young Gentlemen, who being incountred by an airy exquisite Lover, that doth not start back with a thousand troublesom cogitations; and beleeves, that he, who thus earnestly affects her, is at the least possessed with one of these terribly evil natures? Nay, perhaps with some what else, as a cross-grain'd pate, a grumbling gizzard, not wel in his senses, jealous thoughts, or the actions of a Cotquean are his companions; and that more is then all these, keeps hid a certain imbecility in his defective nature; which is no waies to be discovered till the nuptial rites be absolutely celebrated.

This seems to be a great occasion and reason to have an abhorrance for marrying. But when we begin again with serious judgement to consider, the
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weaknesses, strange humors, and deficiencies, that the most gaudiest and neatest Ladies are subject to; experience will teach us, that they are Cakes bak'd of one Dough, and Fruits of one Tree.

And therefore they are very happy, if two of one mind, and alike natured meet together; but if two of contrary humors happen together, there is nothing to be expected but grief, sorrow, and destruction; unless it happen that the understanding of the one knows extraordinarily how to assist the weakness of the other; by sometimes letting loose a rope and then drawing it in again; whereby they may the prudentlier sail against wind and tide. These do arrive in the Haven of the Pleasures of Marriage, where as others on the contrary suffer most miserable Shipwreck.

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The Sixth Pleasure.

The Woman hath got the Breeches. What mischeefes arise by it. Counsel for the unmarried. To shun those that are evil natured.

UNDER a thousand Pleasures that we find in the estate of marriage, is none of the least, to see the Woman put the breeches on, seeming that she will act the part of a Jack-pudding. But melancholy men oftentimes cannot bear with such sort of jesting, and presently bawl and rail at such a Woman, calling her a Monster, or some other ill name. Although they know very well that such sort of Monsters are now a daies so common, that if they were all to be shewn in Booths for farthings a peece, there would be less spectators, then there was to see the Sheep with five legs, or the great Crocodile.

Verily, such men are unhappy, and they do not a little also neglect these Plea-





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Pleasures; when they, forsooth, think that by the putting on of the breeches, must be understood that they are overlorded, and that the Hen crows louder than the Cock. O miserable man, if your head be posselt with this kind of frenzy, and can't be removed! Verily, if you had but seen the Plate of the Women fighting for the Breeches, you would be of another judgement. For in those daies the man was glad to be rid of them, if he could but get the lining untorn or indamaged; for he saw perfectly that the World was at that time so full of those pretty Beldams, that there was begun a most bloody War between the better sort of Gentlewomen, and the meaner degree of Women, for the gaining of the Breeches, wherein Ketels and Pans, Tongs and Fireshovels, Spinningwheels, Brooms and Maps were all beaten out of fashion. And it may very well be thought, that if the Woman had put them on at first, and so have helpt him to have kept them, this

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this wonderfull and destructive War would never have risen to that fury. Therefore it is no small prudence of the Women in these daies, who are descended from that family, to take care, at the very first, for the good of their husbands, that the Breeches may be will preserved.

But let's be serious, and pass by all these kind of waggeries; if we consider the husband as Captain, and the Wife as Lieutenant, is it not in the highest degree necessary, that she should have also a part of the masculine knowledge and authority. Besides, women must be silent in Politick and Church-government, why should not they have something to say in those places where they are housewives? We see certainly, that the men, for the most part, cannot tarry at home, and will be going hither or thither to take the air, or for his pleasure, or to smoke a pipe of Tabacco; as is shew'd you in the Fifth Confession; if then, in the mean while, the Woman,
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through occasion of some Customers in the Shop, or in the government of the Men and Maid-servants should not in some measure shew that she had in part the Breeches on, and that she could in the absence of her Captain, take care of his Command; how is it possible that the Trading should be kept in order, and the Children and Servants well governed? I will not so much as mention that there are several men, who are so dull-brain'd, and so excessive careless, that if they had not had the good fortunes to get notable shorp-witted young women to their Wives; they of themselves would have been quickly out of breath, and might now perhaps be found in the Barbado's or Bermoodo's planting Tabacco.

O stout Amazonians, who thus courageously, take the Weapons in hand, to defend and protect your Husbands, Children, Servants and houskeeping; why should not you have as great commendations given you, as those noble Souls

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Souls of your Sex had in former-times?
and who would not rather ingage in the
imbracing of you , then any waies to
affront or bespatter you ?

I know wel enough there will come
some times a whiffing blade , that will
be relating one or other long-nosed
story , hon like a drunken Nabal , he
was well instructed by his prudent and
diligent wife ; and how little that he
would obey or listen to the commands
of so brave a Captain ; but they will
very seldom or never say any thing what
grounds or provocatives they have given
her for so doing.

Nevertheless my intent is , not so
much to flatter the evil or bad natured
women , as if their throwing out their
ire upon their husbands , had alwaies a
Lawfull excuse or cause. Just as Xan-
tippe did , who was Socrates's wife,
think that she had reason enough on her
side to scold , brawl at , and abuse that
wife and good natured Philosopher,
and to dash him in the face with a whole
stream

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stream of her hot Marish piss. Or that it did any waies become that hot-ar'sd whorish Faustina, to govern that sage and understanding Emperor Marcus Aurelius. By no means, for them that hot-spirited, and high-minded sex would prick up their Peacocks-tails so much the higher. But happy would all these hair-brain'd housewives be, if they had such Tutors to their husbands, as Aurelius was; 't is most certain, that then that corrupt seed, would be cropt in the very bud and not be suffered to come to perfection.

Yet you new married Couple, are both in heart and mind concordant, and all your delight is to please each others fancy: you have no difference about the Supremacy; for the Authority of the one is alwaies submitted to the other; and so much the more because your husband never commands you as if you were a Maid; but with the sweetest and kindest expressions, saith, my Dearest, will you bid the Maid draw a glass of

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Beer or Wine, or do this or that, &c. Oh if you could but both keep your selves in this state and posture, how happily and exemplarily would you live in this World ! But it happens many times, that the Women through length of time, do take upon them, and grow to be so free, that they will be solely and totally Master ; and if their husbands through kind-heartedness have given them a little more then ordinary liberty, they will have the last word in spite of fate.

So have I seen one who could by no means keep her self in that first and Paradise-like life ; who observing her husbands good nature, thought her self wise enough to govern all things, and to bring him to her Bow ; which, by degrees, to his great discontent, did more and more increase in matters of the housekeeping.

But it hapned once that the good man, went to the Market, and having bought a delicate Capon, meets with a
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friend, whom he invited to be his guest; and going home with it, his wife pouts, maunders and mutters and looks so sour that the guest saw well enough how welcome he should be. The good man with fair and kind words sought to remove this, which was in some measure done.

But a pretty while after, the goodman being in the market, buies a couple of delicate Pullets, and sends them home with a Porter; but the Wife told him she had made ready something else, and had no need of them; therefore, let him say what he would, made him bring them back again: The good man meeting with the Porter, and perceiving the cross-grainedness of his wife, sends them to a Tavern to be made ready, and gets a friend or two along with him to dispatch them, and dript them very gallantly with the juice of Grapes. At this, when he came home, his wife grin'd, scolded, and bawl'd; yet done it was, and must serve her for a future

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example. And she on the contrary per-
sisting in her stif-necked ill nature, made
a path-road for the ruine of her self and
family, because he afterwards; to shun
his wife, frequented more then too
much Taverns and Alehouses, and
gave the breeches solely to his wife.

Not long ago, just in the like man-
ner, there married an indifferent hand-
som Gentlewoman, with a proper,
handsom, honest and good natured
Gentleman; but the Gentlewoman
imagining her self to be as wise as a Do-
ctor, acted the part of a Domineerer,
controuling, grumbling and chiding
at all whatsoever he did; insomuch
that all his sweet expressions could no
waies allay her; but rather augmented
her rage; yea insomuch that at last she
saluted him with boxes and buffetings.
But he seeing that no reasons or per-
suasions would take place, and that she
grew the longer the more furious, locks
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sence, that at last she got open a window and leaps out, there by escaping the remaining part of that dance. Away she flies immediately to her Father and her Brother, but they, very well knowing her ill-natured obstinacy, both denied her houseroom. Yet the next day, through the intercession of others, there was a pacification made and a truce concluded on, which did not long continue so. For she, beginning again her former wicked actions, made him run to the Tavern there to allay his disturbed senses, leaving her to wear the Breeches. But now they are rid of money, credit, respect, and every thing else.

Another Gentlewoman of late daies, seeing that she had married a good mild-natured husband, that was not guilty of any vice, exercised her authority and wickedness so much the more over him; yea so far, that in the presence of several neighbors, she oftentimes, knockt, thumpte, and cudgelled him; that at

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last she was called by every one *The incarnate Diuel*. But he, after some years of suffering this martyrdom, happening to dy, there comes another Lover very suddenly to cast himself away upon this Hellish peece of flesh; but she had of him, being a just punishment, such a beloved, that he thunderd her three times as bad about, as she did her first husband; and then flew Pots, Kans and Glasses ringling and gingling along the flore, and she on the top of them, well and warm covered with good thumps and fifty-cuffs, and sometimes traild over the flore by the hair of the head. O miserable terrors of such a horrible State and condition! Who can but shake and quiver, yea with fear start back, when they begin to feel the least motion to the same in their bodies? and so much the more, because that we see that this present World is so mightily replenished with such numbers of monstrous, wicked and unhappy women, who hide their wickedness and iil natures under their

their powdered locks, and flattering looks; and like a Camelion, in their Maiden estate, will be agreeable to all things that are propounded to them; but being married, they abandon all rationality, make their own passions their masters, and cannot understand by any means the pleasures of their husbands. Though they certainly know, and have daily experience, that there is nothing under the Sun, which hath a bewitching power upon the hearts of their husbands, then the friendliness and kind compliance of their Wives. This hath in ancient times done a thousand wonders and is as yet the most powerfull to drive all stubborn and ill natured humors out of the heads of men; and can lead them, as it were by the hand, in to the paths of Reason, Equity and Love.

O happy Women, who, in this manner have the hearts of men in your hands, and can bring the same to your obedience where you will; what means and waies ought you not to indeavour

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by dallying and kind actions to gain the
same on your side! you certainly know,
that the main Butt which is aim'd at by
all mankind, is to pass through this
short life of ours with pleasure and quiet-
ness: But alas! what life, what rest,
what pleasure can he possess in this
World, who hath hapned upon a scold-
ing, and no waies friendly wife?

Oh if all Lovers knew this so well,
they would never suffer themselves to
be led away captive by the jettish eys,
and marble-like breasts, or stragle
themselves in the curled locks of wo-
men; but would imbrace their kind na-
turedness to be the surpassingest beauty.

But the carnal desires, and covetous-
ness of mony, blindeth the eys of so
many, that oftentimes for the satis-
faction thereof, they will, contrary to
all exhortations, run headlong, and cast
themselves into a pit of infinite horrors
and vexations of Spirit: chusing rather
a proud, finical, blockheaded Virgin
with two thousand pound, then a mean,
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kind-hearted, understanding one, with ten thousand Vertues.

This was that which the prudent King Lycurgus sought to prevent, when he gave out his commands that no Parents should give any Portions with their Daughters in marriage, or might leave them any thing for an inheritance; because he would not have them to be desired in marriage by any, but for their beauty and vertues; in those daies the virtuous remained, just as now doth the poor ones, most of them unmarried, and cast aside, and every Maid was hereby spur'd up, that her Vertues might in brightness and splendor surpass others.

Happy are you, O Father of the Family, who without the least thoughts of Lycurgus, have made so good a choice and have gotten a Wife that is beautiful, rich, good natured, and virtuous; you learnt first to know her well, that you might the better woo her, and so be happy in marriage. Make this your example, O all you foolish and

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wandering Lovers, who are so desirous to taste of the Pleasures and sweetness of marriage; and are sometimes so disquieted and troubled till you cast your selves upon an insulting, domineering Wife, who perhaps hath the Breeches already on, and will vex you with all the torments imaginable in the World. Do but use these few remedies for your squandered brains, and be assured they will bring you to have good fortune and tranquility.

Search not after great Riches, but for one of your own degree; for the Rich are insulting, self-conceited, and proud.

Admire no outward beauty; because they are proud of their beauty, and imagine themselves to be Goddesses, whom their husbands ought to obey.

Shun those who are much less than your self: For when a mean one finds her self promoted by a great Match, she is much prouder and self-conceited than one of a good extraction; and

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will much sooner than another endeavour to domineer over her husband.

Dissemble not in your wooing. For dissimulation deceives its own Master.

Be not too hasty. For a thing of importance must be long and prudently considered of, before a final conclusion can be made.

Follow the advice of understanding friends. For to be wise, and in love, was not given to the Gods themselves.

Chuse no Country wench: For she'll want a whole years learning, before she'll know how to shite upon a house of Office, and two years to learn to make a cursie.

If you marry, arm your self with patience. For he that hath the yoke of marriage upon his shoulders, must patiently suffer and indure all the disquiets and troubles that, that estate is subject to.

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If these things be observed by you innocent and wandring Lovers, they will much assist you in your choice, but not preserve you from being a slave; becaule the Gentlewoman whom you have chosen, hath till this time be past, had one or other ill condition, which she knew how to hide and dissemble with, that you never so much as thought of, or expected from her. Cornelius Agrippa knew this in his daies, when he said, men must have and keep their wives, ee'n as it chanceth; if they be (saies he) merry humored, if they be foolish, if they be unmannerly, if they be proud, if they be fluttish, if they be ugly, if they be dishonest, or whatsoever vice she is guilty of, that will be perceiv'd after the wedding, but never amended. Be therefore very vigilant, you wandring Lovers, and sell not your liberty at so low a price, which cannot be redeemed again with a whole Sea of repentances.

And you, O silent Gentlewomen;
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methinks you long to know whether there be no remedies for you to be had, that you may also be as well arm'd against the rigid natured, subtle and dissembling Lovers; as well as they have against the vicious Gentlewomen; take notice, that since you have subjected your selves to that foolish fashion of these times, never of your selves to go a wooing; but with patience will expect who will come for you, that rule must be first observed, and regard taken of him that cometh, then it is the time to consider, principally.

Whether he loveth you for your money, or for your beauty.

Inquire whether he have a good method, or way, for the maintaining of a Family. For if he have not that to build upon, the whole foundation will tumble.

Search also whether he be of an honest, rather then great extraction. For Vertue is the greatest Gentility.

Inquire also whether he be a frequenter
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of Alehouses ; especially of such as
are of an evill reput.

*To be a lover of such houses,
Makes him to think of other Spon-
ses.*

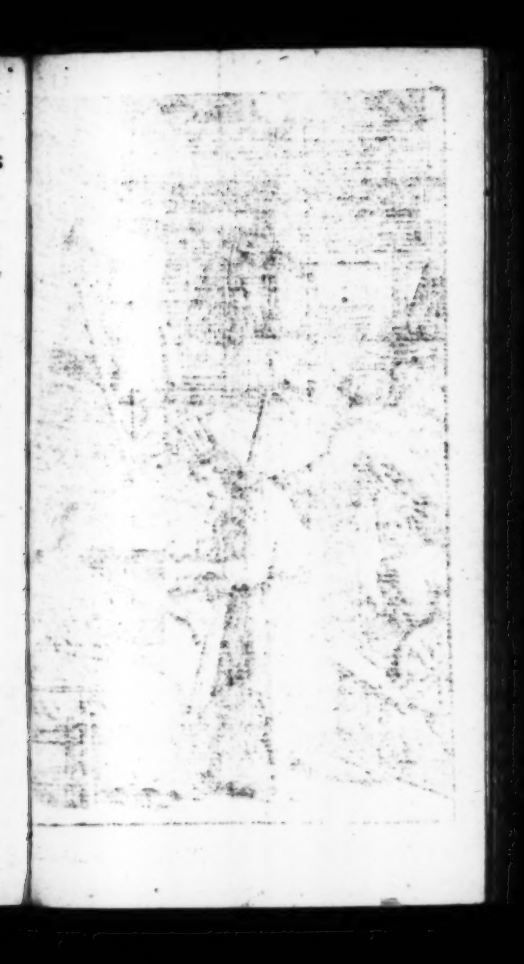
If he be covetous of honour, he hath
several other Vertues.

Hate a Gamester like the Plague ; for
they are consumers of all ; nay their
very gain is loss.

Abhor a person of no imploy, or gadder
along the streets ; for they are fit for
nothing.

If you marry, shew all honour, respect,
and love to your husband. Indea-
vour not to Lordize over him ; be-
cause that, both by Heayen and na-
ture is given unto him.

In so doing, you will have, as well
as our new-Couple, the expectation of a
happy match ; which though it falls out
well, yet is subject to severall accidental
corruptions ; as you will perceive in the
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Further Confession of the insuing Pleasures, even as if they were a Looking-glass.

The Seventh Pleasure.

The bad times teaches the new married Couple. Makes them brave housekeepers. They take in Lodgers, and give good examples to their Children.

IT was formerly very pleasant living, when Trading and Marchandizing flourished so nobly, that every evening people were fain to carry a whole drawer full of mony out of the Counter in to the Counting-house; and then the good woman had alwaies two or three hours work to sort it, before they could so much as think of going to bed: but it seems that destructive War, as being a scourge from Heaven, for our dissatisfied Spirits; hath so lamentably humbled the Land of our Nativity, that there are very few who have not now just causes enough to complain.

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And you, **O** young people, shall be witnesses here of, who have already, in that short time that you have been married, experience that things do not alwaies run upon wheels so merrily as was expected. 'Tis true you possess the Pleasure of an indifferent Trade, as well as the rest of your Neighbours; but it is not in any measure to be compared with those golden daies that your Ancestors had, when they could lay-up so much wealth, and yet complained they had but little custom.

Verily, when I rightly consider it, methinks you are happier then they were. For at that time all their delight was, by a covetous frugality, to reap much riches together, and though that hapned very well, yet there was never enough; for money is no impediment to a covetous soul because it alwaies earns for more. But now on the contrary, it is esteemed to be very nobly done, and people take an absolute delight in it, if they can but tell how to
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scrape so much together, that they may keep the Dunces from their doors, bring up their children indifferently well, and pay the taxations and impositions that are imposed upon them. In good truth, they that can do this now, are worthy of as much credit and reputation, as those were that prospered much in former daies; and their Pleasure ought not to be lesser then the others before was.

O happy Successors, who through the contentment of your minds, possess now as great Pleasure, as your rich Parents formerly did, in their plentiful daies. Verily, your gain is comparatively better then theirs, because you are satisfied with so much less; and by consequence when the hour of death approaches, you can so much the easier depart from this World, by reason you shall not leave so many knives behind you that may cut your childrens throats.

Therefore if your Trading should come to diminish more; and that you can

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can hardly tell how to keep both ends
together ; then comfort your selves
with this happiness ; to the end that the
Pleasures of your marriage , may there-
by not be eclipsed. For in bad times
you must as diligently search after the
Pleasures of Marriage , as for gain and
good Trading.

But it seems , as you imagine , that
this Pleasure rather decreases then in-
creases ; because that the small trading,
is accompanied with bad payment ; and
where ever you run or go to dun , you
find no body at home , but return back
to your house with empty pockets. For
there is Master Highmind , and Squire
Spightfull , who come every day in their
Velvet Coats to the Change , are not in
the least ashamed that the Goods , which
they bought to be paid ready down ,
after the expiration of a full year , are
not yet paid. And Master Negligent ,
who is alwaies in an Alehouse , and sel-
dom to be found in his Counting house
or at the Change , thinks it is abundance

to early in July, so much as to look upon the reckoning of last New-year, much less to pay it.

Nevertheless others have their Creditors also, and this Bill of Exchange, and that Assignment must be paid at their due times; yea, and the Winter is approaching, Wood and Coals must be bought, the Cellar furnisht with Beer and Wine, and some Firkins of Butter, and provision made for the powdring-tub to be filled, as well as several other sorts of necessaries for the Family that will be wanting. Insomuch that this affords but a very slight appearance of concluding the year in Pleasure.

But, O carefull House Father, if you knew in what a happy age you live, you would not go away so dissatisfied, but imbrace all these affairs very joisfully for extraordinary Pleasures.

Hitherto you have gone forward like one young and unexperienced, and have meant with Master Dolittle, alias John the Satisfied, that things were to be

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be done with kissing, licking, dallying,
and other fidle-fadles; but now you are
come to a more sober, serious under-
standing, and to have mans knowledge,
and the same prudent conduct that your
Parents and Friends had, when they
were assembled together about your
Contract of Marriage, and then thought
of all these things. Now you are grown
to be a Master of Arts in the University
of Wedlock. And great Juno laught,
that Venus hath so long hoodwink'd
you.

Come on then, these films being now
fallen, from your eyes, do but observe
how prudent carefull Time hath made
you, and how circumspect and diligent
you begin to be that you may get
through the World with honour, com-
mendations, and good respect; how like
a care taking Father you are now provi-
ding for your Wife, Children, and whole
Family. Oh if your Father and Mo-
ther were now alive, how would they re-
joice in this your advancement; which
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are indeed the upright Pleasures of Marriage. For all married people, draw the cares, here mentioned, along with them; though they come with a bag full of money about their necks in to the World.

Do but see, till now you have had a brave and splendant house, paid great rent, only for your self and family to live in; now you begin to consider with understanding and Pleasure, whether a dwelling of less price would not serve as well, in which you might have a Chamber or two that you could let out to some civil Gentlemen, who might diet with you; it would help to pay the rent, and bring some profit in besides; and it shall one trouble for boiling, roasting, and going to Market: the day goes about nevertheless, and the Maid suits her work accordingly. And moreover, you have good company of them in your house, and alwaies either one or another at dinner begins to relate some kind of pretty discourse, that is continually

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nually very pleasurable and delightfull
to be herad.

Observe how glad your Wife is concerning this resolution ! There hath not been these three years any Proclamation published , which pleased her fancy better : for now her husband will have some pastime , and good company at home , so that he needs not go to seek it in the evening in Alehouses or other places. Well who cannot but see here how one may learn through honest Time and Experience , what Pleasures they are accompanied with ?

But stay a little , and to be serious with you , when you get such guests, you'l see how they will plague you ; for the general imaginations of such Gentlemen are , that all the monies they spend, is pure gain , and that the Landlord and Landlady alwaies ought to provide such sort of diet as they have most a mind to : and though it be never so well drest, yet there shall hardly come one dish to the Table , but they will be finding fault
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that this hath too much pepper in it, and that too much salt, &c. Besides all this, both Maids and Men, and all what's in the house, must be at their commands; may be readier and nimbler to serve them then their Master and Mistress. And that's more, you are deprived of the whole freedom of your house and table. It happens also many times, that they have so many visitors, and runners after them, that they require more attendance; and the maid hath more work with them alone, then the whole house-keeping besides.

This is the general course of all fellow Commoners; I will not say any thing of a worser sort, which are many times amongst them; who run in the mornings to Strong-water Shops, and in the afternoon to Taverns; where they so disguise themselves, that one must be ashamed for honest people who are in the Shop, or standing upon the flore, that sees them either come in a dores or down from their Chambers, hardly
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able to stand ; besides they value not if they tarry out late at nights ; and, if it be possible , they will intice the good man of the house to debauch with them. And then again they are seldom free from private chatting and pratling with the Maid and Men servants.

But perhaps you may light of a better sort, which Time, who is the mother of all things, will make appear. Let it be as it will, here is alwaies pleasure and delight to be expected for the good man, because the good woman by this means increaseth to more knowledge of householding affairs ; and therefore is alwaies busie, like a prudent mother, in educating, governing, and instructing her children.

Yea, if you, O Father of the Family, will go a little further, and behold with clear eys, how far your wife, through these bad times, is advanced in understanding and knowledge ; I do assure you, you will find your self as ravisht with joy ; because this is as great a trans-
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formation as ever Ovid writ of. For whereas at the beginning of your marriage, all her cogitations were imploied for the buying of large Venetian Looking-glasses, Indean Chainy, Plush stools and Chairs, Turkish Tapistry, such Presses and Tables, yea and whatsoever else was needfull for neatness and gallantry; we see now, that all her senses are at work, where ever they may or can be, to save and spare all things, and to take care that there may not so much as a match negligently be thrown away.

Formerly, your good wife used, by reason of her youth, and want of knowledge, to walk very stately, hand in hand with you, along the streets, finally trickt up with powdered locks, and a laced Gorget and Gown, and had commonly need of, at the least, three hours time, before she, with the help of two serviceable assistants, could be put to her mind in her dress; and then again all her discourse was of walking or riding abroad, and of junketting and

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merriment ; whereas now on the contrary , seeing the small gain , she is sparing of all things , and ordring it to the best advantage for the family ; without so much as setting one foot out of her House or Counter unnecessarily. Never thinking more of gadding abroad , to take pleasure ; but finds all her delight by being busie in her houskeeping , amongst her children and servants. Here you may behold her driving the maid forwards , and setting her a spinning , to keep the sleep out of her eyes ; and with this intent also that she may have the delight to get yarn enough ready towards Winter , to let a brave Web of Linnen be woven for the service of the Family. Yea , and here she shews you , that though before she was but a Bartholomew Baby , that she is now grown to be a brave housewife. And that , if need requires , she can put a hand to the plough stoutly.

O happy man , who in such a sad and troublesom time , can find out so many
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Pleasures of Marriage, and who art already so well instructed in that most illustrious School!

'Tis true, you will meet with some jeering prattle-arses, that will say, is this that brave couple, that there was such a noise made of when they were married! Is this the Gentlewoman that used to go so costly in her Gorgets and Gowns! Goes she now with a plain waistcoat! alas and welladay! doth her feathers begin to hang thus! Well is, this the Gentlewoman that used alwaies to keep two maids! Can she now make a shift with a little wench that earns her wages with spinning, and her diet with doing the house work? it must certainly ly very nastily and fluttishly at her house.

'Tis very true, this might happen to you, and it would seem to eclipse the Sun of your Pleasures of Marriage very much; if you had not now, O well matcht Couple, through the instruction of the winged Time, gotten such prudent eys

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that you can easily see through such
vain and simple Clouds.

But now you apprehend, to your great
joy and comfort, that this arrow comes
out of the Quiver of such as are indebted
to every body, and suffer themselves
daily to be durrid; who are continual-
ly prating with the Neighbors, and
gadding along the streets; they take
notice of every dore that opens, and
neglect their own houskeeping having
no understanding to govern it; the
dishes, pots and pans are alwaies stan-
ding in the middle of the flore; and Ben-
ches and Stools are all covered and ly fil-
led with the Childrens shitten clouts,
and the Windows are so thick with dirt,
that the Sun can hardly shine through
them. Whose first word is, when any
body comes in to their house, What!
by reason of these sad times a body hath
neither joy nor delight in their hous-
keeping. If we wash the glass windows,
they are in danger of breaking, and at
present we cannot bear with any losses.
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And these ordinarily have more prattling and meddling then any other women, and no body knows any thing better then these sworn tittletattlers; they are seldom to be found with a pin-cuſtuon upon their laps; and are the occasion that their houses, children and Maids stink of filth and sluttishness, with their cloaths out at the elbows, and their stockings out at the heels. Whilest their husbands sit in the Ale-houses, and seek by drinking, domineering and gaming to drive these damps of the sad times out of their brains; which continueth so long, till that all is consumed, and they both fly damnably in debt to their Creditors.

Well then, you worthy and faithful Houskeepers, you see now the unhappy state and condition of these venomous controulers of others: And on the contrary, you may perceive how happy the bad times, like a prudent Instructor, makes you; what a quantity of understanding and delight it imparts

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unto you; whilest you both, with joint
resolution, diligent hands and vigilant
eys, indeavor the maintenance and
setting up of your Family. Be assured,
that this care and frugality will so root
it self in your very bones, that although
the times changed and grew better, you
would reserve a stedfast delight in the
promoting the good and benefit of your
houskeeping; and withall leave to your
children such riches and good exam-
ples, that they will follow your foot-
steps of carefulness with delight, and
lay a hand to the plough, thereby to
demonstrate that they were of a good
extraction: which if it so happen, you
will inherit one of the greatest and desi-
redst Pleasures that is to be found in
the Married estate.

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The Parents would bring up their son in their way of Trade, but he hath no mind to't. He is put to School out of the City. Grows a Scholler, commits much mischief. Is apprehended and informed what a Schollerlike life is.

J Ds life, now I thinke on't, amongst the Pleasures of Mariage, this is one of the least, when one sees their children feed well, and grow up healthfully and merrily; and their stomacks in a morning are as soon open as their eyes; then at noons they can claw it away at a good dish, as well as persons offull growth and years; and about four of the clock their appetites are again prepared for an afternoons lunchion; insomuch that they can eat you into poverty, without making their teeth bleed. O it is such a delight to see that they continually grow up so slovenly and wastfully in their cloaths, that they must needs have

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every half year almost a new suit, and
that alwaies a little bigger; whereby
the Father sees that he shall in short time
have a son to be his man in the shop, and
the mother a daughter to be her care-
takester and controulster of the Kitchin.

Thus we advance in the estate of Ma-
riage, from one pleasure to another. O
how happy you'll be, if your children
be but pliable and courteous, and grow
up in obedience, and according to your
example! But we see in the generality,
that as their understanding increases,
that also their own wills and desires do
in like manner not diminish.

Perhaps you meet with some such
symptoms as these are in your own son;
for having been some years learning the
Latine Tongue at Pauls or Merchant
Tailors School; he is then inveigled by
some of the neighbors sons to go with
them to learn the Italian or French lan-
guage; to which purpose they know of
a very delicate Boarding-school a little
way out of the City; and then they
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baptize it with the name, that he hath such a longing and earnest desire to learn it, that he cannot rest in the night for it.

What will you do? The charge thereof, the bad times, and the necessity you have for him at home, makes you perswade him from it, and to proffer him convenient occasions in the City; but what helps it, the fear of drawing the child from that which he has so much a mind to; and may be, that also, wherein his whole good fortune consists, causes you to take a resolution to fullfill his desire. Away he's sent then, and agreed for. And then there must be a Trunk furnisht, with all manner of linnen and cloaths, with other toys and sweet meats, and mony in his pocket to boot.

Having been some small time there he sends some letters for what he wants. Which is, with recommendations of being saving and diligent, sent unto him. And it is no small pleasure for the Parents, if they do but see that he is an in-

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different proficient. All their delight
and pleasure is, when time will permit,
to go to their son, and to shew him their
great love and affection.

But the Daughter, which goes along
with her Mother, is kindled with no
small matter of jealousy to see that her
Brother puts her Parents to so much
charge, gets what he pleases, and that
their minds are never at rest about him.
When she, on the contrary, being at
home, is thrust by her Mother into the
drudgery of the house, or kept close to
her needle. Yet these are pacified with
a fine lace, a ring, or some such sort of
trinkom-trankoms; and then with tel-
ling them into the bargain, when your
brother comes home he shall keep the
shop.

This the Father is in expectation of.
And the son being come home, gives
a great Pleasure to his Father and Mo-
ther, by reason he speaks such good La-
tin and Italian, and is so gentle in his
behaviour: but to look to the shop, he
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hath no mind to. Say what they will, talk is but talk. All his desire and mind is to go to the University either of Oxford or Cambridge. And although the Father in some measure herein yeelds and consents; the Mother, on the other side, can by no means resolve to it; for her main aim was, that her son should be brought up in the shop; because that in the absence, or by decease of her husband, he might then therein be helpfull to her. Besides that, it is yet fresh in her memory, that when her Brother studied at Oxford, what a divellish deal of mony it cost, and what complaints there come of his student-like manner of living. Infomuch that there was hardly a month past, but the Proctor of the Colledge, or the Magistracy of the City must have one or other penalty paid them.

Now they try to imploy the son in the shop, who delights in no less melody then the tune of that song: letting slip no occasion that he can meet with

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to get out of the shop; and shew himself, with all diligence, to willing be a Labourer in the Tennis Court, or at the Bilyard-Table; and is not ashamed, if there be hasty work, in the evening, to tarry there till it be past eleven of the clock. What a pleasure this vigilance is to the Father and Mother, those that have experience know best. Especially when they in the morning call their son to confession, and between Anger and Love catechize him with severall natural and kind reproofs.

'Tis but labour lost, and ill whistling,
if the horse wo'nt piss. What remedy?
turn it, and wind it so as you will

*The son his mind to study is full bent,
Or else will live upon his yearly rent.*

Here must be a counsell held by wisdom, prudence, love and patience. Here also the imaginations of incapableness or want of monies must be conquered; for to constrain a son to that he hath no mind to, is the ready way to dull his
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genious; and perhaps bring him to what is worser, to wit, running after whores or Gaming. And to teach him how to live upon his yearly means, the tools are too damn'd costly. So that now the Parents have true experience of the old Proverb.

*The Children in their youth, oft make
their Parents smart,*

*Being come to riper years, they vex their
very heart.*

Nevertheless, after you have turn'd it and wound it so as you will, the sending of him to the University of Oxford bears the sway; and there to let him study Theology being the modestest Faculty, by one of the learnedst and fameutest Doctors. And verily, he goes forward so nobly, that, in few months, before he half knows the needfull Philosophy, he is found to be a Master of Arts in Villany. And moreover, the Parents were by some good friends informed, that lately he was acting the domineering student, and being catcht by.

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by the watch, was brought into the Court of Guard; but through the extraordinary intercession of his own and some other Doctors, they privately let him go out again.

A little longer time being expired, he sends Post upon Post dunning letters; his quarter of the years out, his Pockets empty, and the Landlady wants mony; besides there are severall other things that he wants, both of Linnen and Woollen; all which things yield an extraordinary Pleasure, especially, if the mony which is sent, without suffering shipwrack, be imploied and laid out for those necessaries.

For some students are so deeply learnt, that they consume the monies they get in mirth and jovialty, and leave their Landladies, Booksellers, Tailors, Shoemakers, and all whom they are indebted to, unpaid. Nay, his own Cousin, that studied at Cambridge, knew very learnedly how to make a cleaver dispatch, with his Pot-Companions, at
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Gutterlane, of all the mony that was sent him by his Parents, for his promotion; and under the covert of many well studied lies desired more.

But who knows, what wonderfull students tricks, before he is half so perfect, your son will have learnt, to make his Father and Mother merry with; for, as I have heard, he hath gotten so much acquaintance, that he hath the Bookseller to be his friend, who sets down the prizes of the Books he delivers, three times as much again as they are worth; and for the ouerplus, he, with some other students, are bravely merry together.

Yea, he's come so far himself, that he doth, to get mony, know how to sell his best Authors; and sets in place of them some Blocks very neatly cut and coloured like gallant Books. And if any one comes that will lay their hands upon them; he saith immediately, eat, drink, smoke and be merry to your hearts content; but whatsoever you do, touch
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not my books; for that's as a Medean
Law and an inviolable statute in my
Chamber; as it doth, to the same pur-
pose, stand written thus before my
Chamber of Books:

*Be jolly, sing, and dance; command me
with a look,*

*One thing I do forbid, you must not
touch a Book.*

The old Proverb saith, it must bend
well, before it can make a good hook.
But it is easie to be perceived by the be-
ginning, what may be expected from
the flexibility of this precious twig, O
extraordinary and magnificent pleasure
for the Parents, when they see that their
son, in so short a time, is so damnably
advanced! And so much the more, a
little while after, there comes one and
tells them by word of mouth, that there
were several Schollars, which were play-
ing some antick tricks in the night; and
amongst some others both their Son and
their Cousin were apprehended, and at
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this very present sad accusations were brought in against them. In the mean while, the Chancellor, having heard that they are all persons of good Parentage, and that there will be brave greasing in the case, laughs in his fist because such things as those are generally moderated and assopiated by the means and infallible vertue of the correcting finger hearb.

This brings the Parents a fine Bartholomew Baby to play with; and if their ly loosely in a corner a fifty pound bag they will go nigh to see how they may make use of it. And this gives a horrible augmentation to the Pleasures of Marriage! But let them turn it and wind it which way they will, the Parents must go thither, and seek by all means possible according to their ability, to pacifie the matter.

As they are upon their journey, they hear in every Town where they come, how debauched and wicked lives the Student leads, not only concerning that
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which was lately done at Oxford, but
at other places also. Which makes them
be in no small fear, whether their son,
perhaps may not be guilty only of this,
but some worser misdemeanor, and is
therefore at present clapt up.

Here Master Truetales begins to relate,
that lately there were four Students,
who for some petulancy, had been at
Confession by the Mayor, and he with
their vomiting up some Guinies, gave
them their absolutions; but they per-
ceiving that hereby their purses were
cruelly weakned; and that the return of
monies did not come according to ex-
pectation, took a resolution to get some
revenge of him for it. And he having
built a new house, caused it, by a cu-
rious Workman, to be neatly painted
on the outside: which these four Stu-
dents seeing, they took a good quantity
of Tar, and did so damnably bedawb it,
that it looked as if old Nick had been
there with his rubbing brush. Which
the Mayor seeing in the morning, seemed

to be little troubled at it; but said, certainly some body hath done this, that I have taken too little mony of, and therefore in gratitude have, for nothing, thus bepainted my delicately painted house.

But nevertheless the Mayor sends in the evening five or six Spies abroad into those Taverns and Alehouses where the lightest Students generally frequented; who Were smoking and drinking there, and amongst other discourses related, how it tickled their fancies, that the covetous Mayor was served such a delicate trik, &c. Whereupon some of them hearing that the action was so much commended, and that the Mayor made no search about it, saies, that was my work with James Smith the Londoner, Jack Dove the Kentishman, and Sanny Clow the Scotch man. Upon this they were all four apprehended in the night, and very cleaverly clapt by the heels, &c.

Hereupon Mistris Credit, said, There
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are no such wicked inventers of mischief, as moniless Students; of which we had lately a new example, for some of those Blades wanting mony, were resolved to act this trick, *viz.* Some few daies before there was a malefactor hanged, and one of them between eleven and twelve of the clock at night, gets hard by the Gallows where he hung, and feigned to be the spirit of the malefactor; sometimes appearing, and then again vanishing; in the mean while the rest of his companions, all separate from each other, as if they had been strangers, placed themselves not far from it. Each of them seemed to be frightned, and shewed unto all the passers by that there was the spirit of the malefactor that was executed. This run forward like wild fire, in somuch that the number of the spectators increased abundantly. And whilest every one was so busie in beholding it, the moniless Students were as serious in picking of their Pockers, cutting the silver buttons off their cloaths, which

which no body perceived, till the Spirit was vanished, and they were gotten home.

So did I know, saith Master Mouth, two necessitous Students, who at a Fair-time, observed that a Country man, having sold some commodities that he brought to Market, had received five or six Crown pieces for them; and went amongst the Booths to buy something, but feared in the throng one or another might steal them from him; therefore would not trust them in his Pocket, nor with his Purse in the breast of his doublet; but puts them in his mouth; saying, No body I'm sure can take them from thence, and walks into the Booths, there cheapning a hat; in the mean while, one of these Students goes to the very next Booth, buies some pedling thing, and pulling mony out of his Pocket to pay, saith what a pox is the meaning of this? Just now I had several Crown pieces, and now I have nothing; and since that, there hath no body else

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else been near me, but this Country fellow; and begins to catch him by the shoulders; saying, hark ye Squire, I miss several Crown pieces which I had but just now. This so amazed the Country man, that he began to mumble with the Crown pieces in his mouth; whereupon the Student said, I verily beleeve the villain hath them in his mouth. The Country man answered thereupon, those that I have in my mouth are my own, I received them just now for some commodities; But let the Country man say what he would, it was not beleeved; he was lamentably beaten, his Crown pieces taken from him, and given to the Student.

By this you may perceive, saith Master Otherway, that the Proverb is true, *Poverty is subtle*. I was lately told of some poor troublesom Students, who had, a little way off the City, caused a dainty Feast to be made ready for them; and knowing that the Landlord had a brother, whom he extreamly loved, which
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lived about five and twenty miles off; write a Letter to the Landlord, and therein acquaint him that his Brother was very desperately sick, oftentimes calling for him; therefore if he would see and speak with him alive, he must with all possible speed immediately come thither, &c.

Then they found out such a cleaver contrivance to have this Letter delivered into the hands of the Landlord, that he had not the least distrust of a cheat; but away he rides immediately. In the mean while, these Students committed much sauciness and wantonness with the Mistris and the Maid; till at last locking them both up in a Chamber, away they went without paying.

To this a Miller that sat close by, relates, that lately, not far from his house, two Students laid violent hands upon a woman, and bound her to a Post, both defiling her.

'Tis a Wonder, saith Master Demure, proceeding forward, that since they
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commit such wicked and so many base actions, more of these Students are not apprehended. When I dwelt at my Country house, there came a parcel of these drunken blades, that were expressly gone abroad to play some mad tricks; they pulled down the pales of my neighbors Garden; and one among them that served for Chief, commanded pull off these planks, tear up this Post, &c.

In the mean time, a poor Country man coming by with his empty Wagon; begs of this commander, that he would be pleased to bestow upon him those old Planks and Posts for his winter firing, because he was so poor, that he knew not where to get any: which this Gentleman granting him, he laies on a lusty load upon his Wagon.

Being drove a pretty way off, the owner comes to the place, and sees in what a lamentable condition his Garden lay; asks who had done it, and understands that they were Students which had taken their march towards
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some of the adjacent Country Towns, but that the Country man with his Planks, must needs be got very far from the City, &c. Away runs the owner with all speed, makes his complaint, and gets an order to arrest the poor Country man, his horse and Wagon. Who coming to be examined at his triall, was condemned to be set in the Pillory, with two Planks set before him, upon which must be written in great white Letters.

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These wicked Students stood together to behold this, and laught till they split, to see that this poor innocent Country man, must suffer such shame and punishment for his winter firing.

Just in the same manner, not long ago, some divellish Students, had taken a heavy rail from before a house which was newly set there, but hearing that the Watch or Bell man approached, they presently whept it before another

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mans dore , where there was none ; and leaning all of them over the rail ; saluted the Watch with saying , Good night Gentlemen , Good night ; and the Watch the like to them again : But the Watch was no sooner gone then they fell to breaking of it all in peeces , and run away as fast as they could drive.

Those people are unhappy , saith Master Talkon , especially such as live in Country Towns , that are near to Cities where there are Universities ; for many times one or another must be a sufferer from these roguish natured Students ; and they imagine in themselves that all what the Country people possess must be at their pleasure and disposition. Whereby it happens , in the Summer , that for their wicked pastime , they go to rob the Orchards of the best fruit , and to steal Hens , Ducks , and Pigeons ; and then again to destroy the Fields of Turnips , Carrots , Parsnips , Beans and Pease , &c. Tearing up such multiplicities , that it would

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would be incredible if we should relate it all. But it is common for them to destroy ten times as much as they can eat or carry away.

And when the Summer is past, that there are no fruits either in Orchards or Fields; then their whole delight and recreation is to commit insolencies in the Streets of the City by night; and if they can but any waies put an affront upon the Watch; that is laugh at, and esteemed to be an heroick act.

It hapned lately, that some Students walking out of Town; saw a little boy in the Fields, that was holding the cord of an indifferent Kite, which was in the Air; in his hand; they laughing at him, said, The Kite is bigger than the Boy; come let us ty the cord about the Boy, then they will not lose one another. And immediately catching hold of the Boy, they forced the cord from him, and bound it fast about his middle in a great many knots, then went their way.

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Whilest the Boy was very busie and indeavouring to unty the knots, the Wind grew high, insomuch that the Boy used all his strength to hold back the cord; but his strength failing him, he was with a furious blast snatcht up by the Kite from the ground, and presently after let fall again into a pretty deep ditch, where the poor innocent Boy was unhappily drowned.

It would be sempiternal for us here to make a relation of all the petulancy and wickedness of Students, whereof these and other Parents, each in their particular, are miserably sensible of. For every one acts his own part, but it tends altogether unto wickedness, lavishness, and troublesomness.

Here you may see Master Empty-belly takes the greatest delight in the World, nobly to treat some Northern Gentlemen of his acquaintance and Pot-companions, and then again to be treated by them: where there is an absolute agreement made, that when
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any one of them gets money from their Parents, he shall give the company a treat of five Guinnies. And though they generally observe, that before they part, one quarrel or other arises, and the Swords drawn; yet this Law is inviolabler, than ever any Statutes of Henry the VIII. were. Which continueth so long till one of them be desperately wounded or killed, and he that did it apprehended; and to the great grief of his Parents tried for his life, or else flies his Country to, live it.

Others we may see, that have no greater pleasure then to sit whole nights with their Companions playing at Tables; and there game away Rings, Hats, Cloaks and Swords, &c. and then ply one another so close with whole bumpers of Sack and old Hoek, that they are worse then senceless beasts, feeling and groping of the very Walls, and tumbling and wallowing too and fro in their own nastiness. And esteem

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it to be a Championlike action if one can but make the t'other dead drunk by his voracity of sucking in most. As if they intended hereby to become learned Doctors.

Some again are most horribly addicted to frequent the pestilential Bawdy-houses; of which they are never satisfied, till mony, cloaths, books, and their own health of body is consumed; and then come home to their Parents soundly peppered with the Pox.

Some there are that oftentimes so deeply ingage themselves with their Landlords daughters, that they can answer to her examination without the knowledge either of their Parents or Doctors, and are fit for promotion in the Art of Nature. But if the Landlady hath never a daughter of her own, there's a Niece or Neighbors daughter, which knows how to shew herself there so neatly, that with her tripping and mincing she makes signals enough,

enough, that at their house Cubicula locanda is to be had. And these are the true Divers, that know infinitely well how to empty the Students Pockets.

Thus doth every one act their parts. Whilest the Parents are endeavouring to gather and scrape all together that they can, that their Son, who is many times the onliest or eldest, may go forward in his study, and become perfect in one Faculty. And the more, because they see that he is sharp-witted, and according as his Doctor saith, a very hopefull young man. Little thinking that he makes as bad use of those natural benefits, as he is lavish of his mony.

But it is a common saying that the London-youths must have their wills. Which oftentimes occasions, that when they have studied a long time in Divinity, they finally turn to be some Inns of Court Gentlemen; fearing that their wild Students life, might

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in any other vocation, be cast in their teeth.

Yet sometimes it also happens, that from the very first they behave themselves modestly, and advance so gallantly in their Studies, that it is a comfort for their Parents, and great benefit for themselves. But nevertheless, though they obtain their Promotion with commendation reputation, and great charges; yet it is all but fastidions, unless their Parents can leave or give them some considerable means; or that they through their brave behaviours, perfections, and sweet discourses, can inveagle themselves in to a rich match. For many years are spent before they can get a Parsonage or Benefice, and when it doth happen in some Country Town, the means will hardly maintain them.

If he be a Counsellor or Doctor of Physick, what a deal of time runs away before he can come in to practice! especially if in the one he hath not the
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good fortune to get the two or three first causes for his Clients; and in the other, not to make satisfactory cures of his first Patients. Therefore, what a joy would it have been for the Parents if their Son had spent his time in understanding Shop-keeping, and been obedient to the exhortations of his Parents!

But though some do this, and are therein compliant to their Parents; yet we perceive that this also is subject to many vexations, by reason that the children through a contrary drift, many times disturb their Parents night rest; especially when there are such kind of Maids in the house, that will listen to their humors and fancies.

These will, for the most part, please their Master and Mistress to the full; and do all things so that their Mistress shall be satisfied, and have no occasion to look out for another; And yet, in the mean while, all their main aim is, to get and intice the son, with their

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neatness, cleanliness, friendliness, and gentleness, to be on their side. To that end knowing how, as well as their Mistres, to Hood themselves, curl their locks, and wantonly overspread their breasts with a peece of fine Lawn, or Cambrick, that they seem rather to be finically over shadowed then covered, and may the better allure the weak eys of the beholders.

These know that Dame Nature hath placed her best features in a City Maid, as well as in a Lady at Court: And that there are no keener Swords, or stronger steels to penetrate through the hearts of men, then the handsom bodiedness, comly and kind behaviour of women.

This is oftentimes the occasion that the son hath more inclination towards her, then he hath for a Gentlewoman of a good family and indifferent fortune; nay it transports him so, that they finally make use of one bed; and the son (much unexpected by the Parents)

rents) is come to be Father himself. But what an inestimable Pleasure of Marriage this is for the new Grandfather and Grandmother, every one may judge. Especially, if it happens, as I saw once, that the Prentice lay with his Masters Daughter; and the Son with the Kitchen Wench; and the Prentice run away with the daughter; and the Son would by all means marry with the Kitchen Wench. Which was such a great grief for the Parents, that it might be justly termed rather one of the Terrors than Pleasures of Marriage. So that we see, although the Children be at home by their Parents, or in the shop, and remain under their view and tuition; yet nevertheless, by one or other, never to be expected, occasion, they fall in to evill courses; which every one that brings up children hath such manifold and several waies experience of, that it would be infinite and too tiresome to give you an account of all the Confessions. Therei

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fore we will pass by these, (as if we were running a horse-race,) and to shorten our journey, return again to our well married Couple, from whom we are cruelly straid.

You see and observe then, O well married Couple, what strange tricks and actions that children will play. If yours act then the part of a liberal Son, or wanton Student, rejoyce therein that you have not brought forth a dunce or blockhead; but since his Doctor saith that he is sharp-witted, and a hopefull youth; doubt not, but that you will, when he comes to his serious years, with delight and pleasure see him to be a great man.

For it hath many times hapned, that those who have been the maddest and wildest Students at the University, have afterwards come to be noble Personages, Ministers of State, and learned Doctors. Of whom we could relate unto you several examples, if we knew certainly that the revealing of
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that Confession would not be ill taken.

Thrice happy are you, ô noble Couple, that you are yet in possession of the Pleasures of the first Marriage, and are not troubled with the contention of a cross-grain'd Father-in-law, or Mother-in-law over your Children, nor with their fore-children, or Children of the second bed. For whatsoever happens to you now, comes from a Web of your own spinning, and your love to that, conquers and conquers all infirmities; because we know very well that that certainly compleats one of the Pleasures of Marriage.

The Ninth Pleasure.

Of base conditioned Maid-servants.

IS true, it seems to fall both tart and bitter, when the children take such lavish courses, and get such wild hairs in their nostrils; the sons acting the parts of spend-thrifts, and petu-

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lant Students, and the Daughters of light Punks; as long as these things remain so, they appear to be but very sober Pleasures of Marriage. But when we perceive, that these thorns benig past, the pleasant roses appear, and that these light hearted Students finally come to be gallant Practitioners; ô that affords you the most satisfactory and largest Pleasure of Marriage that ever coule be expected.

So also, if you perceive that your Daughters are lively, active and airy; that somtimes they would rather go to a Play, then to Church; or rather be merry of an evening, than at Sermon in the morning, and grow to be altogether mannish minded; you must then conclude these are natural instincts. If it happen to fall out, contrary to your expectation, that she hath more mind to a brave young fellow that's a Prentice, whose parts and humor she knows, then she hath in a Plush Jacketted or gilt Midas; then make your
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selves joyfull in the several examples that you have of others, who being so married, have proved to be the best Matches; of which examples multiplicities are at large prostrated to your view in the Theater of Lovers. So that you do herein yet find the Pleasure of Marriage.

But it is much farther to be sought for among the vexations which house-keeping people have not only from children, but from base-natured, lascivious, tattling, lavish, and ill-tongued servants; done unto them sometimes by their men, but generally by the foolish and stifnecked Maids. These can make their Master totally forget his Base Viol and singing of musick, and their Mistris the playing upon the Virginals. It was a much less trouble for Arion and Orpheus to charm all the senseless creatures both of Sea and Land in those daies; then it is now for house-keepers to bring their servants to a due obedience.

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Neither is this strange, because some Maids, when they see they have gotten a kind natured and mild Gentlewoman to their Mistris; immediately practice, by all means possible, to rule and domineer over her; insomuch that whatsoever the Mistris orders or commands, she knows how, according to the imagination of her own understanding, to order and do it otherwise. And dare many times boldly contradict them, and say, *Mistris, it would be better if this were done then; and that so.*

And if the Mistris be so mild that she condescends and passes by this some times; they are immediately, in their own conceits, as wise again as their Mistris; and dare, when they come among their tatling Gossips, brag that they can bend their Mistris to their Bow; and if their Mistris bids them do any thing, they do it when it pleases them, or at their own opportunity; for their Mistris is troubled
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with the simples, a Sugar-sop, &c.

But if it happen so that one of these Rule-sick Wenches, comes into a service where the Mistris is a notable spirited woman that looks sharply and circumspectly to the government of her Family, then she's damnably put to't; and is troubled in spirit, that her Mistris will not understand it so, as she would fain have it, according to her hair-brain'd manner, and gets this to an answer, *Jane, do it as I command you, then it is well, though it were ill done. Let your Mistris command, its your duty to obey; or else, next time you must hire your self out for Mistris, and not for Maid, &c.*

How pleasant this answer was to Jane, it appears, because she no sooner gets out, but she runs to Goody Busy-body that hires out servants; where she makes no smal complaint of her Mistresses insulting spirit; and asks whether she knows not of a hire for her by some hous-keeping Batchelor
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or Widower; because she understands the ordring of her work very well, is a special good Cook, and loves Children, &c. Then she would leave her Mistris, and tell her that her Ant was very sick and lay a dying, and that she must go thither, &c.

Goody Busic-body is presently ready, because she sees here is a means to earn double wages, the Maid must be provided with another service, and the Mistris with another Maid; so she begins, like a Broker, to turn and wind it about every way to rid her self of the one, and then to recommend another in the place. Though it be mighty inconvenient for the Mistris, and troubles her, because she many times may be near her lying-in, or some other pressing necessity, &c.

Whose merrier then Jane, for she hath gotten a new service by a Widower, and can order and govern all things now according to her own mind; where she hath not the name of a Maid, but

but of a Governanteſs. Nay, now ſhe's cunning enough to bridle in all her ill conditions, and watches the very ey of her Maſter, keeping all things very cleanly and neat in order; upon hopes that her Maſter might fall into a good humour, and make a place alſo for her in his bed. For verily ſhe loves Children ſo well that ſhe would be helping to get one her ſelf. To which purpoſe ſhe uſeth all inventions imaginable, running too and again about the houſe bare-necked, and her breſts raiſed up; or comes to his bedſide all unlaced, or faints to ſit ſleeping by the fire ſide with her coats up to her knees, againſt her Maſter comes home, with the key in his Pocket, merrily diſpoſed, from his Companions; or with a ſhort Coat on, ſtoops down very low in the preſence of her Maſter, to take up ſomething from, or clean the ſtore; or climbs up a ladder to rub the glaſs windows; and knows of a thouſand ſuch manner

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of inticements, of which there's, never a one of them, but, if the Master have any flesh or blood in him, are sufficient to catch and insnare him. For this hapned to her fellow Creature who having dwelt some indifferent time with a Widower, he came home one evening pretty merry, and jestingly talked to her about her sweetheart; *See there, Peggy, be carefull, and when you come to marry, I will give you this bed that I ly on, with all that belongs to it.* Whereupon the Maid answered, *Well Sir, if I shall have all that justly belongs to it, I must have you also Sir, for it is yours, and you ly upon it.* The answer pleased the Master so well; that he catches Peggy in his arms, throws her upon the bed, and lies down by her; till at last, in spite of all his relations, he made his Maid his Wife: who being married, then began to discover her stifnecked, cross graind humors, that she had so long kept secret; but it was the occasion of both their ruines.

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But we will leave Jane and Peggy with their Widowers, and take a view what kind of a Pleasure of marriage that our Mistris possesseth with her new Maid; for Goody Busie-body recommended her highly to be a very honest, virtuous Maid, of a good family, and gave her self security for her fidelity.

Nevertheless, there are hardly three daies past, but the Mistris perceives that she is notably inclined to toss up her cup: but for the better certainty, the Mistris commands her to draw some Wine in a glass that was very clean rinsed; which she no sooner brought back, but the Mistris observed that greasy lips had been at it; yet before she sent her the second time, she takes a trencher and holds it over the smoke of a Candle to grow black, then with her finger rubs that soet upon the edge or hollow part of the glass; and commanded her, as she did before, to draw some Wine; but when she came
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back again, the Mistris then perceived that the round circle of the glass was impressed upon both sides of her mouth and upon her forehead. Who can abstain themselves from laughter, when they see such a marked sheep come out of the Wine Cellar? Who could imagine that a Maid in three daies time should occasion so much pleasure of marriage! How much more mirth will you receive from her, when she has taken a good bowling cup to be jolly! You have here a triall of her fidelity, that Goody Busie-body vaunted of. For the future she may very well say, that she is mighty dexterous at smuckling of Wine; who knows but she may get an Angel a year the more wages for it.

But whilst she pleases her Mistris with this sight, the t'other causes her to enjoy a new recreation: for she having gotten leave to go to Church in th'afternoon, tarries out till seven of the clock in the evening, tho she
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knows there are friends invited to supper, the children must be got to bed, and all things set in good order; neither is it strange, for she thinks, I am now the eldest Maid, the t'other may attend. When I hired my self, my Mistris told me I should go on Sundayes to Church; and also, when occasion served, after Sermon I should walk abroad for an hour or two; and now there is a very good opportunity, because she hath another Maid at home, &c.

She keeps singing in this tune. And finally, coming home, thinks that she has a great deal of reason on her side, and is not ashamed to retort ten cross words for one. 't Is no wonder neither, for she had been talking with Mistris say-all the Cupster, who had Cupt her but the Sunday before, and then told her that she could observe out of her physiognomy, and the course of her blood, several infallible signs, that she should come to be a woman

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man of good quality, and that she would not be above a year unmarried. Also there came thither at the same time Dorothy and Margery, whom Mistris Sayall had in like manner prognosticated what was befallen them. These did not a little admire, that she, being now the eldest Maid, earned such small wages, and that her Mistris did not raise it; because she deserved at the least fifteen shillings a year more, and a better New years gift, and Fairing.

Thus they stuff one anothers pates full. And Mistris Sayall, and Goody Busiebody, seem to be as if they were sisters, cast in one Mould; for the one knows how to blow the simple wenches ears full; and the t'other, worse then a Bawd, makethem cross-grain'd; and keep both of them a school for ill-natured Wenches, and lazy sluts, to flatter, to exhort, and to exasperate in; yet these half Divil-drivers, carry themselves before the Mistresses like Saints;

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saints; but do indeed, shew themselves to be the most deceitfullest cheats, who carry alwaies fire in one hand and water in the t'other.

These know how, very subtly, many times, to fatten their carkasses with meat and drink out of the Mistresses Cellars and Butteries; keeping alwaies a fair correspondence with the cheevish Maids, which know many tricks and waies how to convey it unto them; and scold and brawl against those whose stoln meat and drink they thus idly and basely convey away. These use again all possible indeavours to recommend them here or there to a sweetheart, and make their own houses serve as an Exchange for this Negotiation; where they appear as precise at their hours, as a Merchant both at Change-time.

This it is, that makes them look like a Dog in a halter, when they cannot get leave on Sundaies to go a gad-ding; and it is a wonder they do not

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bargain for it when then hire themselves: though there are some that are not ashamed, (who dare not so openly confess this) to bargain that they may go every Sunday to Church, as if they were extraordinary devout, when it is really to no other end, then to set out their gins, to catch some Tailor, Baker, Shoemaker, Cooper, Carpenter, Mason, or such like journeyman: which is hardly passed by to satisfy their fleshly lusts, before they perceive that they have chosen a poor and wretched for a plentiful livelihood, and are often, by their husbands, beaten like Stockfish, though Lent be long past. But what delight they have, in being curried with this sort of five-tooth'd Comb, the neighbour can judge by the miserable songs they sing.

These find also the Pleasures of Marriage, at which they have so long aimed, and so much indeavoured for, and would now gladly lick their fingers

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that which they have many times
rown away upon the Dunghills, or
the Kennels; falling many times
to deplorable poverty, or to receive
alms from the Church-wardens and
charitable people; of which there are
multitudes of examples, too lament-
able and terrible to be related.

By this small relation you may see
what kind of points these sort of people
have upon their Compass. But to write
the true nature and actions of such
rubbish, were to no other purpose
than to foul a vast quantity of paper
with a deal of trash and trumpery.
For many are damnably liquorish
both'd, everlasting Tattlesters, lazy
servants, salt Bitches, continual
tumbler out of their Pockets, wic-
ed Scolds, lavish Drones, secret
drinkers, stifnecked Dunces, Tyrants
over Children, Stinking Sluts, moul-
d Brain'd trugs; hellish sottish Gip-
sies, nay and sometimes both Whorish
and Theevish; and must, therefore,

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not have come into consideration here; if they did not so especially belong to the disconsolations of Marriage; occasioning many times more troubles and disquiets in a Family, then all the rest of the adversities that may befall it.

This is the reason that makes the Mistris many times turn one after t'other out of dores; and is afreard that a new one should come in again. And is also ashamed that the Neighbors should see every foot a new Maid upon her flore; who by an evil nature, are ready to beleeve the worst of their fellow neighbours, what is told them by a tale-carrying, long-tongued Slut of a Maid; though they many times observe how wickedly they are plagued with their own.

O super-excellent Pleasure of Marriage! where shall we make a conclusion, if we should set all things down according to their worth and value! Certainly every one would, to that pur-

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purpose; want a Clark in their own family.

The Tenth Pleasure.

*An empty Purse, makes a sorrowfull
Pate. The Husband grows jealous.
And the Wife also. The Husband
is weary of his wife, and seeks to be
divorced.*

AS continual prosperity giveth a great satisfaction to married people; and congealeth their hearts more and more with a fervent Love; so, on the contrary, we many times see, that when they are oppressed with bad Trading, Bankrupts, chargeable house-keeping and Children, it occasions and raises a coolness in the affections; in-
somuch that it disquiets their rest, and they consume the whole night many times with flying fancies and cogitations, how such an Assignment, or that Bill of Exchange, or the last half years rent shal be paid, &c. because

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the emptiness of their Purse, and the slow payment of their Debtors too much impedes them. And their yearly rents are so small and uncertain, that there runs away many times more in reparations and taxations annually then the rents amounts to. This occasions disquiet. From this it proceeds, that many times when they rise, their wits run a wool-gathering, and they are more inclined to look crabbedly, grumble and mumble, then to shew each other any signs of love and friendship: for an empty purse, makes a sorrowfull pate. This gives no small defeat to the Pleasures of Marriage. Now they begin to observe that there is no state or condition in the World so compleat, but it hath some kind of impericiency.

This kind of necessity may, by a man, in a Tavern, with good company, be rinsed with a glass of Wine, but never thereby be supplied: And the woman may with singing and dandling

ling of her children , or controuling and commanding of her servants , a little forget it , yet nevertheless when John the cashier comes with the Bill of Exchange, and William the Book-keeper with the Assignment , they ought both to be paid , or else credit and respect ly at the stake. This requires a great deal of prudence , to take care for the one , and preserve the other.

The best sort of Matches have found this by experience to be true: And for that reason they oftentimes stop a little hole to make a bigger. But because this can be of no long continuance , some do measure their business smaller out at first , and dwell at a lesser rent , hire out their Chambers and Cellars ; and afterwards , make mony of some movables , will not turmoil themselves with so much trade , and great trust ; nay sometimes also , take some other trade by the hand , the commodities whereof are of a quick

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ker consumption. And if this happen to people that are not so perfectly well match'd, as our self-same-minded couple, and that the husband hath been a frequenter of company, you shall then seldom see that the husband and the Wife are concordant in their opinions; for he generally will be for trading in Wine and Tobacco, in which sort of commodities he is well studied; and the woman is for dealing in linnen, stockings, gloves, or such like Wares as she knows best how to traffick with. And verily it looks but sadly (although it oftentimes happens) when a Man and his Wife do contend about this. Nevertheless some men, because they imagine to have the best understanding, use herein a very hard way of discourse with their wives, making it all their businels to snap and snarl, chide and bawl, nay threaten and strike also; which indeed rather mars then mends the matter, little thinking that quietness in a family is such a costly Jewell,

Jewell, that it seldom can be valied.

Others, on the contrary, take their greatest delight, when they know how, with affableness to please their wives humour, and with plausible words can admonish them what is best and fittest to be done; and rather to extoll those graces which are found in them, than to reprove their deficiencies: According to the instructions of the prudent Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who said, that men ought often to admonish their wives, seldom reprove them, and never strike them.

But many men whose understanding is turned topsie turvy in their brains, seek it in a contrary place, and where the Bank is lowest, the Water breaks in soonest. In such case the Women suffer cruelly. For if he be soulmouth'd, he is not ashamed openly before his servants and other people to check, curb, and controul his wife lustily; and when they are in private

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together, reprehends her so bitterly, that he would not dare to mention it in the ears of honest people: because having seen that his Border, out of meer civility, cut many times the best peece at Table and presented to his Wife, bilsd thereupon a foundation of jealousie, and an undoubted familiarity, which he privately twits her in the teeth with; though in publick he is ashamed to let it appear that he is jealous; because then he would be laught at for it; therefore he doth nothing but pout, mumble, bawl, scold, is cross-grain'd and troubled at every thing; nay looks upon his Wife and all the rest of his Family like a Welsh Goat, none of them knowing the least reason in the World for it.

In the meanwhile he useth all possible means privately to attrap his wife; for to see that which he never will see; and at which he is so divellishly possessed to have a wicked revenge; nay which he also never can see though he
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had a whole boxfull of spectacles upon his nose; because she never hath, or ever will give him the least reason for it. In that manner violating loves knot, and laying a foundation of implacable hatred.

Verily, if a woman be a little light-hearted and merry humoured, it is a great delight and pleasure for her to be taking notice, and every way to be scoffing, with all the foolish tricks and devices of such a jealous Coxcomb. But otherwise there is no greater Hell upon Earth, then for an honest Woman to dwell with a jealous husband; because in his absence she dare not in the least speak to any one, and in his presence hardly look upon any body. This is known to those, who have had experience of it, and it never went well with any Family where this damned house-divel ever got an entrance.

'Tis true, all men are not defiled with this dirtiness. But such Logger-heads many times occasion, through

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their wicked folly and evill doings,
that the Woman; who before never
thought of jealousie, now begins to
grow jealous her self. For she, consi-
dering that her husband is so without
any ground or reason, looks so sour,
and ill-natured; and alwaies when he
comes home every thing stands in his
way; besides, that the soothings and
friendly entertainments, should differ
so much from those of former times,
and especially from them of the first
year; cannot imagine that the small
gain and the bad times are the occasion
of it; therefore she thinks that there
is some open-ars'd Gipsie, that puts
him on to these base humors, or that
he is led away by some or other char-
ming Punk.

And it is no wonder, because co-
ming home lately he said, that some-
where as he was walking home he had
lost his Watch, which he had just as
he was coming out of the Tavern. And
two or three weeks before came
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home without his Cloak, saying, that some wicked Rascals had taken it from him in the streets. Moreover she rememorate, how he related not long since, that he had been, out of jest, one evening, with three or four others, in six of the most vile and wickedest Bawdy houses in the City, though that he had committed nothing unhandfom there, as he said; therefore she thinks that she hath more reason to suspect his evil doings, then he hath of hers. And so much the more, because that a few months since, being at Branford, who but he, at a Country Wedding, amongst the Country Lasses, to play at blind mans buff. Here he related, that he came into Goodman Stones his house, his familiar acquaintance, in the evening past ten of the clock, where he presently went to the daughters chamber, and found her in bed under a very thin coverlid, with her arms at the top of her head, and her breasts with as little covering

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as was fuffrable : there he carried talking, kiſſing, toying, and playing till one of the clock in the night, which ſhe thinks is mighty unbecoming an und married perſon, (though it be much done in that Town) and much leſs ought to be done by any married man, as her husband is.

And having pondered upon all theſe things, this and t'other way, imagineth that ſhe hath a great deal of reaſon to ſuſpect him. Nay, the daily grumbling and mumbling, the leſſening of the mony, his coming home late at nights, his cool kindneſs, beſides all the reſt, ſeem' to be ſufficient proofs. So that here the Pleaſure of Marriage is ſo monſtrouſly Clouded, as if there were a great Eclipse of the Sun, and it will be a wonder to ſee with what kind of colour it will appear again. For the Husband catechizes his Wife with ſuch a loud voice, that it is generally heard through the whole neighbourhood; and the Wife, to vindicate her innocency,

gency, lets fly at him again with such a shrill note, as if she had gone to school to learn it in Drury Lane, or Turnball street. And it is a wonder that the first Chyrurgian is not sent for to cure this Woman of her bad tongue.

Here you ought to come, ô restless Lovers, to behold your selves in these two darlings; you, who in your wooing are also possessed with jealousy, if you see that another obtains access to your Mistris; or who, perhaps as well as you, doth but once kiss the knocker of the dore, or cause an Aubade to be plaid under her Chamber Window: Look sharply about you, and behold how these Aubades decline, or whether it be worth your while to give your Rival the Challenge; or to stab, poison, or drown'd your self, to shew, by such an untimely death, the love you had for her; and on your Grave, bear this Epitaph, that through damn'd jealousy you murdered your self. These married Couple, used to
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do so; but see now what a sad life they live together, because jealousie took root in them so soon, and now bringeth forth such evill fruits.

Oh that this, now senceless, married Couple, had here, like the Athenians, prudent Umpires! how easily might they, perhaps, be united and pacified! For the Athenians had constituted a certain sort of superiors, whom they intituled Pacificators of the married people; whose Power was to appease all differences between married people; and to constrain them that they must live in peace and unity with each other. In like manner at Rome a Temple was built, where scolding married people, being reunited, came to sacrifice, and to live in better tranquility.

But alas! it is now clear contrary, such contentious Couples, use all the means and indeavours they possibly can rather to be divorced, then reunited; to that end solliciting both the Majestical

cal and Ecclesiastical Powers ; to whom are related a thousand sad reasons by each party, because either of them pretendeth to have the greatest reason on their side ; of which this Age imparteth us several examples, wherewith the Magistracy, Ministry and Elders find no small trouble ; especially, if they be people of a brave extraction, good credit and reputation, who have procreated severall children together. For this jealous and contentious house Divell, domineers as well among people of great respect, as those of lesser degree ; though there be some which so order it, that they smother this fire within dores, and suffer it not to burst out at the house top. Nevertheless it is impossible to hide this unkindness from the eys of them that are in the Family. Therefore it is to be admired, that the sister who dwelleth with this married Couple, and seeth and hears all this unkindness, mumbling and grumbling, yet hath such

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such an earnest desire to be set down in the List of the great Company. Nay though she had read all the twenty Pleasures of Marriage through and through, and finds by the example of her Brother that they are all truth; yet she is like a Fish, never at rest till she gets her self into the Marriage-Net, where she knows that she never can get out again: According to these following Verses, which she hath sung so many times:

*You may in sea lanch when you will,
To see the boistrous Main,
Great storms, and wind, your sails will fill,
Fore you return again.
The married state, is much like this,
O'rewhelm'd with many crosses,
Yet must be born, see how it is,
With tauntings, toils, and losses.*

But I beleeve that the Sister makes flesh and blood her Connfellors, just as her Brother did, who hath now totally forgotten these Verses; for
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since the flesh is almost come to the very bone, all his designs and indeavours seem to bend now to the being separated from Bed and Table : and, if fortune would favour it, he would rather see it done by death, than any Civil Authority ; for then he might look out again for a new Beloved, and by that means get another new Portion; though it might lightly happen to be some mendicant hous-divel, for a reward of his jealousy.

And perhaps he little thinks how that bawling and scolding , between him and his Wife , is spread abroad. But it hath often hapned , that those who would be separated , very unexpectedly have been parted by death; but not so neither , that they who most desired the separation , have just remained alive.

Happy were those restless Souls , if they did like the wise and prudent Chyrurgians, who will not cut off any member , before they have made an
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operation of all imaginable means for cure and recovery thereof: And that they first learnt to know their own deficiencies perfectly, that they might the better excuse those of their Adversary.

O how thrice happy are our well-matcht Couple! who like a Looking-glass for all others, live together in love, pleasure and tranquility, and have banished that monstrous beast jealousy out of their hearts and house; wishing nothing more then to live long together, and to dy both at one time, that neither of them both might inherit that grief to be the longest liver, by missing their second-selves. These do recommend marriage in the highest degree to the whole World, as the noblest state and condition; and despise the folly of those who reject it, imagining in themselves that they have more knowledge and understanding then all the wise men of Greece ever had; who by their marrying demonstrated,

strated, that they esteemed the married estate to be the best and commendablest though some of them were married to women, who notably bore the sway.

We may very well then condemn the chattering of Epicurus that pleasurable Hoggrubber, who said, that no wise man would ever give himself in to the Bands of Matrimony; because there is so much grief, trouble, and misery to be found in it. For we see to the contrary, that the Wise men long to be in it, and that the Sun of understanding appears more gloriously in them, when it is nourisht and invivified by marriage; especially, if they have got, like unto our well-married Couple, good Matches. To this end, all those that are unmarried, ought to look very circumspectly, for the getting themselves such a second-self, that they would never desire to part with. And for the exhortation of every one to this, I will break off and conclude

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clude with that faithfull warning given by that great Emperour and Philosopher Marcus Aurelius : saying, *Because the life of Man cannot remain without Women, I do warn the young, pray the old, admonish the wise, and teach the simple, that they should shun ill-natured Women as much as the Plague : for I say, that all the venomous Creatures in the World, have not so much poison spread or contained in their whole bodies ; as one diuellish-natured Woman alone hath in her tongue.*

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